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Haiphong ..... May 2.  
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Saidan ..... May 2.  
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Saigon ..... May 3.  
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March) ..... May 4.  
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#### OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, May 2  
Swatow ..... 1 p.m.  
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Amoy ..... 7 p.m.  
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Parcels only for Tientsin, 12.30 p.m.  
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Parcels ..... May 3, 3 p.m.  
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Ord. ..... May 3, 5.30 p.m.

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Parcels ..... May 3, 3 p.m.  
Reg. ..... May 3, 5 p.m.  
Ord. ..... May 3, 7 p.m.  
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May.

#### G.F.O. & K.F.O.

Par. .... Noon.  
Reg. .... 1.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... 2.30 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 4

Fort Bayard and Hoihow ..... 9.30 a.m.  
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 12th May.

#### G.F.O. & K.F.O.

Reg. .... May 4, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 4, 5.30 p.m.  
Bangkok ..... 5.30 p.m.  
Haiphong ..... 5.30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 5

Shanghai ..... 9.00 a.m.

#### Monday, May 6

Haiphong ..... Noon.  
Saigon, Madang, Salamua, Rabaul, and Tulagi ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Canton ..... 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 7

Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May.

#### K.F.O.

Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 7, 5.30 p.m.

#### G.F.O.

Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 7, 7 p.m.  
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Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 7, 5.30 p.m.

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Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th May.

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Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 7, 5.30 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 7, 5 p.m.  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

#### Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

#### SERVICES CONTRACTUALS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### Steamship.

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 5th May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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## PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 4275	Kowloon Island Lot between Ya Yuen Street & Sai Yee Street.	N. 100 feet. S. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	Contents in 400 sq. ft.	22.50	\$45.00

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	No. 2789	New Kowloon Island Lot Junction of Castle Peak Road and Hung Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. 100 feet. S. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	Contents in 5,400 sq. ft.	7.4	\$4,500

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	No. 2791	New Kowloon Island Lot Junction of Castle Peak Road and Yuen Choa Street.	N. 100 feet. S. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	Contents in 6,900 sq. ft.	11.6	\$12,600

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

As unfanned boots are quite the rage in Europe, and our swells are rapidly following the lead of the world in this respect, it is possible that the following may prove of more or less interest.—The authorities at Eton and Harrow have given instructions that the pupils at these large public schools shall not wear the fashionable business attire, but the leather boots with ordinary attire, as they do not consider them becoming or dignified habiliments.

The sentences passed upon earning snatches is getting hotter and hotter. One of the leading scoundrels got four months, then another soon followed him into it. M. Hotel for six months, and today came on the scene the Mr. Wodehouse for nine months. All with well-merited ill.

Yesterday at noon a number of war junks arrived in Kowloon Bay and the mandarins in command visited the ill-luck official quickly called out his ragged army, who soon lined up in a long array. At 3.30 the object of the raid became apparent, several boats pulling out from the junks with scores of soldiers, carrying six or seven wretches in baskets, bound for execution. The executioners were dressed in white, and the junks were decorated with their flags and bunting. The prisoners were taken to the water's edge to be executed. The first man was taken to the water's edge and the executioner took one line, first removing his broad-brimmed hat, and then the man's head. The first man was taken to the water's edge and the executioner took one line, first removing his broad-brimmed hat, and then the man's head.

Life in the "Gorgeous East" is not all beer and skittles, as no doubt most of us have long ere this found out. One of the greatest plagues is certainly the mosquito. Mosquitoes are no doubt, troublesome, but they are not so much to be feared as the little notice of them either their blood has lost much of its pristine richness, or they are so numerous that they become a thoroughly inoculated with mosquito poison, that the stings are hardly felt. The mosquito is an unimportant thing for ladies to have made a kind of mullin bag into which to thrust their feet and the end of the bag is held in the hand, this completely baffles the would-be marauder. (This was before the world was so closely connected as it is now.)

Ladies, of course, suffer much more than men from these little torments, as their skins are much more tender, and at dinner parties and other social gatherings they expose more surface to attack. But it is on the feet, ankles and legs that they suffer most, and to such an extent that the case that new-comers have frequently not been able to get on foot or shoe for days after a first attack. The mosquito is an unimportant thing for ladies to have made a kind of mullin bag into which to thrust their feet and the end of the bag is held in the hand, this completely baffles the would-be marauder. (This was before the world was so closely connected as it is now.)

The latest casualty list comprises the following: Wounded: A. D. Adams, 2nd Lt. (P. Anderson (Monmouth), D. Bell (Royal Scots), P. Beresford, V. Booth, H. M. Bowle, W. Brown, and 1st Lt. T. Donkin, W. H. S. Dunlop, J. W. Ellis, H. E. English, J. Flint, F. Garvey, G. Glaisier, Captain A. Taylor (Royal Scots).

The French Embassy announces that a German deserter reports that French engineers have been busy for two months mounting a long range naval gun near Omdurman. This gun, it is believed, is the one used in the bombardment of Dunkirk, firing at a range of 21 miles. Nine shells were fired during the recent bombardment, and it is believed that the gun was damaged by its own fire, or through the activity of French aviators who were in the neighbourhood.

### 10 YEARS AGO

An aerial bombardment of Chenchow, the Kuomintang stronghold in the heart of Honan Province, this morning by four Nanking bombing planes, which dropped several bombs with disastrous effects, has caused great concern among the populace there.

Sir Henry Maybury, consulting engineer on roads and railways in the Ministry of Transport and chairman of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee, gave evidence before the House of Commons Committee considering the Charing Cross Bridge Bill, completed by 1940. Sir Henry said, "I estimate that at the rush hours the bridge will be used by 1,000 vehicles an hour southward and 920 vehicles an hour northward."

Transfer Square in 1940 would have, he estimated, at least 40 per cent. more traffic than to-day and that was one of the points the new bridge would relieve.

### 5 YEARS AGO

The "Daily Herald" states that it is really informed that London authorities are aware that German troops have been sighted for the first time in the Rhineland.

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# No Queen's letter for these folk

## HITLER'S GRAVEYARD

THERE is a new landmark in the North Sea known by every sailor in the Navy who has sailed from an East Coast port since war began. It is called "Hitler's Graveyard." There are nine wrecks, grim reminders of Hitler's attempt to break England's stranglehold on her trade with inhuman magnetic mines.

The ships were all sunk during the ten days terror in November. They lie on the sandbanks making a narrow channel that is a vital route for British ships plying the North Sea.

Some of the wrecks lie with their funnels, bridge and part of the decks above water, death-traps for any ship that ventures a few yards off its course.

It was Hitler's intention that this channel should be choked with wrecks, making it impossible for British and neutral ships to pass to and fro with their cargoes for Britain.

But this cunningly conceived scheme failed. Even as they were sinking, the ships managed where all day and night convoys pass to and fro.

## 'A gay life' on blackmail

COMMENTING that a blackmail victim—a man aged 77, now dead—must have "suffered terribly," Mr. Justice Cassels sentenced Robert Dransfield, aged 30, a traveller, to five years' penal servitude at Leeds Assizes.

To Dransfield the judge said: "I know not what agony of mind you brought about in this old man, tottering to his grave, but people who commit offences like this have to be severely punished. Blackmail is a heinous crime."

Dransfield was found guilty of demanding money with menaces from James Arthur Hick, who died in hospital last month.

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## TREATED THEIR EVACUEES BADLY

A SMALL "black list" of foster parents of evacuees in all parts of the country whose services have not met with the approval of the local authorities is now being drawn up.

This is being done by the Queen's wish, so that no one who has not deserved it shall receive the letter of thanks which she is sending to householders who have had children billeted on them.

The process of sorting out the sheep from the goats is taking a considerable time.

This is the chief reason why the hundreds of thousands of good foster-parents have waited in vain every weekday for more than a month for the Queen's letter.

They will go on waiting for several weeks longer.

It was on February 15 that Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, speaking in the House of Commons, announced a personal message to the foster-parents.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: Market was very quiet and featureless.

Buyers: H.K. Banks \$1,505  
H.K. Steamboats \$11  
Dock Cum Rts \$0.60  
Providents \$4.40  
Hotels \$4.30  
Lands \$30.4  
Realities \$4.40  
Cements \$16.65  
Lane Crawfords \$8.20  
Wm Powell \$1  
Entertainments \$7.10

Sellers: H.K. Banks \$1,520  
Dock Cum Rts \$32  
Providents \$4.35  
Lands \$37.4  
Trams \$17.40/35  
China Lights (new) \$4.00  
Electrics \$84.4

Incident in Singapore  
Singapore, May 1.  
In May Day demonstrations here on the 1st of Chinese—believed to have been instigated by Communists—three Chinese were shot, two being seriously wounded, when the Police were forced to fire into a mob which attacked a party of 20 constables.—Reuter.

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# MAGAZINE PAGE

## MUSSOLINI POINTS TO A NEW HORIZON

by  
**EMRYS JONES**

MUSSOLINI'S accent now is on the Adriatic, and what goes for the Mediterranean goes, too, for the Adriatic, he tells his Roman citizens—and the world.

If there is any menace in this, whom does it concern?

First, Yugoslavia though some will perhaps read something else into it, for it is hinted in many capitals that Hitler, other partner in the Axis, is also ambitious some day to bathe in the warm waters of the Adriatic without stepping off German soil.

So that makes less possible the view that Hitler has told his partner to go ahead and try to snatch Dalmatia from Yugoslavia.

In Belgrade the statesmen are getting into a huddle, and no doubt these next few days will see a lot of coming and going between the diplomats of Italy and Yugoslavia.

Look at the map. Yugoslavia has everything to lose in her province of Dalmatia.

If that is threatened or lost, then Yugoslavia will lose with it any outlet to the sea, and that in today's power politics means that such economic pressure can be put on an inland State that it may have to succumb to the wishes of more powerful neighbours. Remember Hungary.

All the ports of Yugoslavia look out on to the Adriatic—Split, Susak, Dubrovnik, and Kotor. For the Yugoslavs, any hint of trouble now in the Adriatic would be disastrous for internally the Serbs and Croats, two of the three races making up the Kingdom, are at each other's throats more bitterly than ever.

The Croats want a wide measure of autonomy, and now they want it so badly that they have hinted that if they are not given it by the Central Government at Belgrade, well, then, they are not averse to calling in a powerful neighbour to "protect" them. Remember Czechoslovakia.

### Jealous Of Each Other

If you want to sum up Yugoslavia generally, you can say that both Serbs and Croats are united in their hatred of Germany and in their fear of Italy, but their jealousy for each other is greater than either their hatreds or fears. So, if somebody wants to make trouble, there's plenty of dynamite lying loose in Yugoslavia. In that country, saved from Italian domination by President Wilson—more of that anon—there is a fine Army, especially of infantrymen, but there is no political unity.

Anyway, ever since the war, Yugoslavia has been courted by two ambitious suitors, Italy and France.

For to France she is part of the Central European alliances against Germany. For Italy she is an outlet for her goods.

These two suitors spent a lot of money on her, and she coqueted with both to the great satisfaction of neither.

If Mussolini has more definite designs in the Adriatic, then this lady of 20 years will have to make up her mind.

Now for Italy. For that country Dalmatia hurts like an old wound—a war wound.

Go back to 1915 when the nations were battling for their existence. In Italy then a young man was expelled from the Socialist Party for urging his country to go to war against Austria. His name was Benito Mussolini.

In England, too, the politicians were busy trying to detach Italy from her understanding with the Central Powers and to persuade her to fight on the side of the Allies.

### Outbid The Germans

NOW Lord Grey, British Foreign Minister, outbid the Germans and Austrians, promised the Italians the Austrian Tyrol and the Dalmatian coast—excluding Fiume—if they would fight for the Allies. They agreed, and signed what is called the London Treaty of 1915.

Well, Italy came out on the winning side of the war, and on the losing side of the peace.

At the Paris Peace Conference her Orlando argued that because of the Italian victory (supported by British, American, and Czech divisions) at Vittorio Veneto, the port of Fiume should be added to the spoils already promised.

Then President Wilson became stubborn, as he could when he wanted to be. No, said he, Italy should have the Tyrol, the Trentino, and the Dalmatian coast only as far as Trieste.

Fiume, he said, was a Slav port, and should go to Yugoslavia, the Kingdom created out of Slavs, Serbs, and Croats.

They could not agree, so Orlando flounced out of the conference, packed his bags, and went back to Rome.

### Hero Of Young Italy

THE result was that Italy got less out of the peace than she expected, but there was one of her countrymen not prepared to submit to the decisions of the politicians either in Paris or Rome.

He was a little, bald airman-poet, called Gabriele d'Annunzio, hero of young Italy, who had flown over Vienna during the war dropping manifestoes instead of bombs urging the Austrians to make peace.

He determined to be strong where the politicians were weak. So in September, 1919, he commandeered every aeroplane he could find, and with a band of men flew to Fiume.

From the port he drove out the Allied army of occupation, declared Fiume Italian. It was dramatic, but it was also comic opera.

He put his men into cloaks, put daggers in their belts, and created them with eagle feathers. He made speeches that reminded the world of old Rome, encouraged his aviators to bomb the Ministries in modern Rome with beetroot.

Ships deserted to him from the Italian Navy, war heroes crowded around him. Neither threats from Rome nor from Paris could shift him from his curious kingdom.

It was an amusing episode, but it was, in a way, the birth of Fascism.

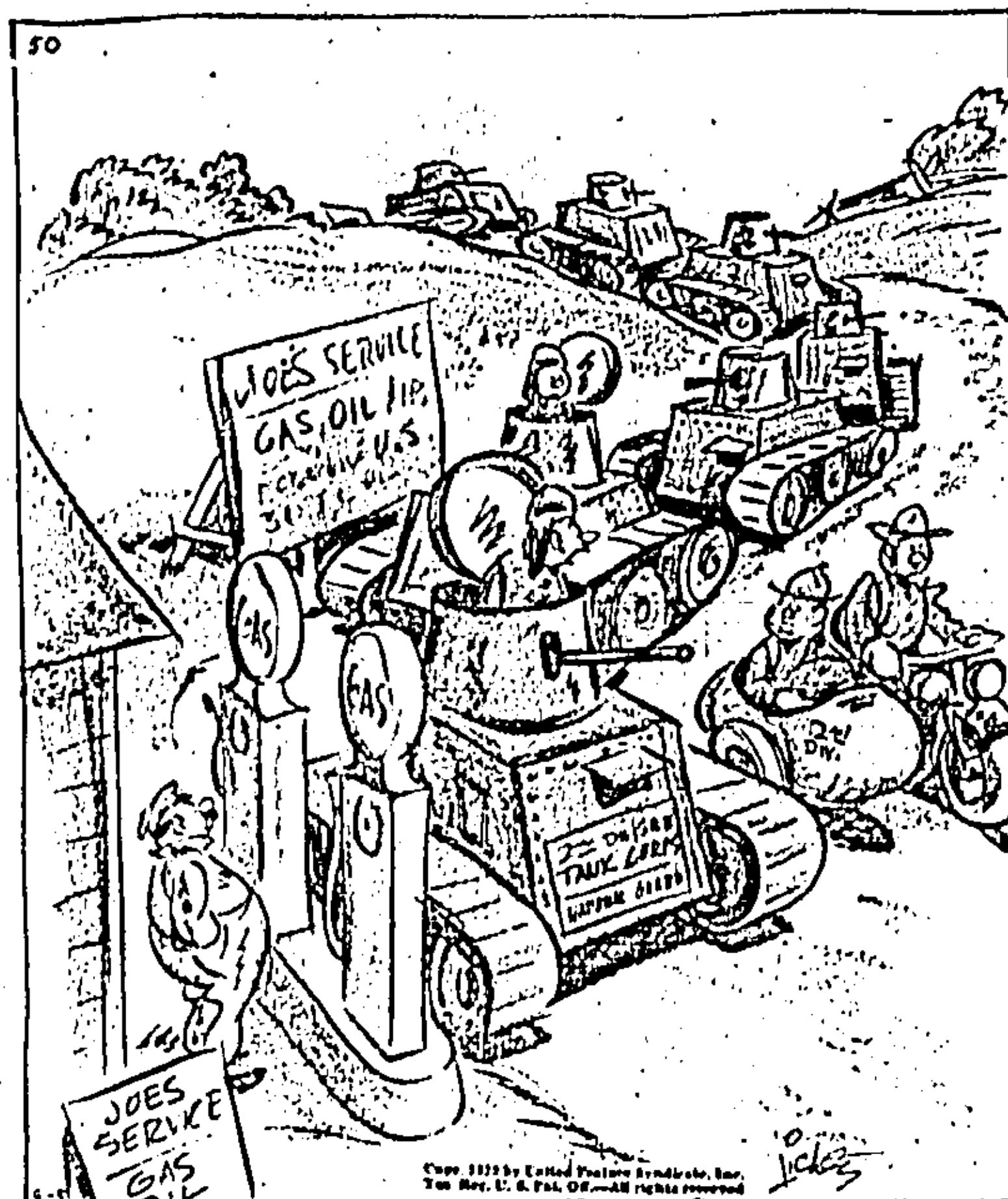
### Bombarded By Fleet

FOR three months d'Annunzio held out, until the Italian Government on Christmas Eve, when there were no newspapers to warn the public, sent the fleet to bombard Fiume, and drove him out. When Italy heard, Italy mourned.

Ever since, the Italians have looked across the Adriatic to what might have been.

**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY: THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3**

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The opposing force has outwitted us, Sir—they got here ahead of us and bought up all the gas!"

## There's no beating the TRUTH

A WORD that is constantly on people's tongues in these days of war is the word "Propaganda." It isn't a happy word. In fact, it's one that most of us take to be a more modern or polite version of the old-fashioned word, "Lies."

STRICTLY SPEAKING, this isn't so. Propaganda—and every country at war has to use it can just as readily consist of truths as of untruths. An expert would tell you that any statement issued in order primarily to influence people's opinions is propaganda. Go, obviously, a statement of fact can be just as effective—or even more so than a story that is simply the product of an unscrupulous imagination.

"OR EVEN MORE SO." Note those words. For it is here that we find one of the biggest differences between Nazi ideas and our own.

THE NAZIS quite openly boast of their willingness to use any kind of lie that will serve their immediate purpose. Hitler himself is very frank. He is all for using lies as big as possible, for, in his own words, "The broad masses of the nation more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie." And again, "The people can be made to see even Heaven as Hell or the most wretched life as Paradise."

HE has certainly put his philosophy into practice. He told the German people that Britain caused the war of 1914. He maintained that the German army was actually winning in 1918. He evolved the idea of a super "Aryan" race. He represented Germany as the sworn enemy of Soviet Russia. He denied that he wanted Austria. Denied that he wanted any of the Germans of Czechoslovakia. Denied in September, 1938, that he had any more territorial claims in Europe. Told Germany consistently that Britain was decadent and would never fight. That the Dominions would desert her the moment she attempted to do so.

NOW he and his lieutenant Goebbels are having a lot of explaining to do—because all this was lies. Lies told in a big way, usually with mammoth parades, blaring bands and gigantic banners, so that the German people were stunned and deafened into accepting them as truth or into keeping their doubts to themselves.

FOR THE TROUBLE about telling lies is to keep them told. So the "good German" has a radio set that can't "get" a non-German station. He goes to prison for a long time or may even be beheaded if he listens to an English broadcast and tells his friends what he hears. Free speech has been unknown since the Nazis came to power.

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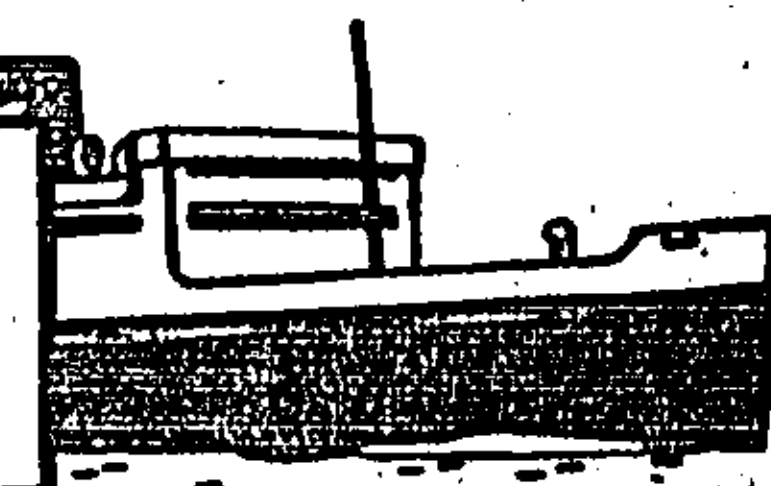
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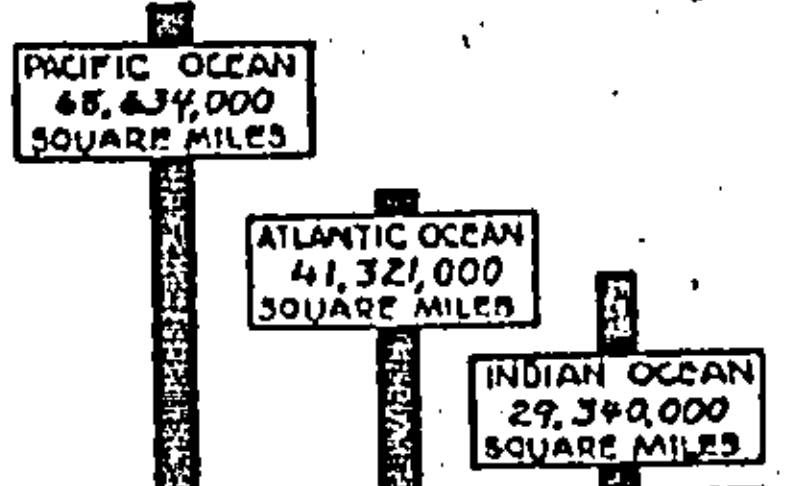
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## INANITY FARE



Winston Once convinced an Unbeliever That he didn't suffer from war-fever



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Pacific and less than a third as wide.

The winds, tides, and currents are less modified in the broad Pacific than in narrower oceans. The tidal wave, originating at the Equator, makes its way northward through the Pacific almost without being obstructed. The average tide on the west coast of America is under 10 feet and the highest only 28 feet. In the Atlantic, however, the tide in the Bay of Fundy reaches 60 feet or more, and the tide in the Bristol Channel rises 40 to 50 feet.

A potent cause of storms is the clash of great masses of warm air with other masses of cold air. The warm Gulf Stream, coming up the Atlantic Coast and crossing the ocean to Europe, heats the air above it. Storms arise when this warm air encounters cold masses of air from the Arctic.

The corresponding warm stream in the Pacific, the Japanese Current, travels northward past the coast of Japan and gives rise to storms off the coast of Alaska which, having little economic importance, pass relatively unnoticed.

The large areas of other parts of the Pacific having water of rather even temperature, keeps the air temperature relatively constant and reduces the number and violence of the storms in such regions.





Henderson liked Goering. "A man to whom one could always speak absolutely frankly." Before war, Goering promised to send a special wreath if Sir Neville got bombed in London.

# GOERING ACCUSES RIBBENTROP

GOERING intervened with the Fuehrer . . .

**YESTERDAY**, Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, revealed how Hitler cheated Chamberlain at their meeting at Godesberg.

**TO-DAY**, continuing his revelations concerning the Czech-German crisis of September, 1938, he tells of Sir Horace Wilson's mission; of a procession which changed the Fuehrer's mind; of a quarrel between Goering and Ribbentrop; and of Italy's eleventh-hour intervention.

**ON** Monday, September 26, the Prime Minister sent Sir Horace Wilson to Berlin with a personal letter to Hitler.

In this, after stating that the German proposals, as they stood, had been rejected by the Czech Government, he again urged the Chancellor, since the difference was one of form and not of principle, to agree to negotiate rather than to resort to force.

He suggested a direct meeting between Germans and Czechs with a British representative as intermediary.

Sir H. Wilson, accompanied by Kirkpatrick and myself, saw the Chancellor at 5 that afternoon. This interview also was stormy and unsatisfactory.

Herr Hitler could only with difficulty be persuaded to listen to the Prime Minister's letter. At one point he shouted: "It is no use talking any more," and he moved to the door as if to leave the room.

Eventually he returned, and the conversation was resumed, but it was impossible to reach any satisfactory conclusion.

On the same evening he made a speech in the Sportplatz.

It contained a savage attack on Benes personally, and in it he finally burnt his boats by declaring that, if the Czech Government themselves had not ceded all the Sudeten lands by October 1, Germany would occupy them by that date, with himself as the first soldier of the Reich.

At the same time he made an appeal for British neutrality by friendly references to Mr. Chamberlain's efforts for peace.

## Chamberlain's warning

Sir Horace Wilson spent that night in the Embassy, and in the course of it received instructions to deliver yet another personal message.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain, while acknowledging the references to himself in Hitler's speech, guaranteed, if Germany refrained from force, to see that the Czech undertakings, already given, would be carried out.

Sir H. Wilson accordingly saw Hitler for the second time at 12.15 on the morning of September 27. He asked the Chancellor if, in the light of the Prime Minister's statement, he could take any message back to London.

Hitler replied that the Czechoslovak Government had only two courses: acceptance of the German memorandum; or rejection.

In the course of this conversation Hitler shouted angrily on two or three occasions: "Ich werde die Tschechen Zerschlagen," which Herr Schmidt, the interpreter, faithfully translated as: "I will smash-sh-sh the Czechs!"

He showed by his demeanour that he was longing to chastise the Czechs for their insolence; bombs must fall on Prague; the Czech army must be put to rout;

Dr. Benes must be forced to ignominious flight.

When it was clear that Hitler's determination to go to war was quite inflexible, Sir H. Wilson said that he was charged by the Prime Minister to give him a message to the following effect:

"If, in pursuit of her Treaty obligations, France became actively engaged in hostilities against Germany, the United Kingdom would feel obliged to support her."

Hitler's answer was that he could only take note of this communication. It meant, he said, that if France elected to attack Germany, England felt obliged to attack Germany also.

Sir H. Wilson attempted to refute this interpretation of his statement, but Hitler declined to be convinced.

## Hitler gets a lesson

"If France and England strike," he shouted, "let them do so. It is a matter of complete indifference to me. I am prepared for every eventuality. I can only take note of the position. It is Tuesday today, and by next Monday we shall all be at war."

On this depressing note the interview ended.

Sir Horace flew back to London early the same afternoon. Nevertheless, his effect, and I was officially informed that night by the State Secretary that Hitler had addressed, through the German Embassy in London, an immediate and important personal letter to the Prime Minister.

In this he attempted to justify his attitude, and begged Mr. Chamberlain to continue to use his good offices.

Therein he gave the Prime Minister the definite assurance which he was so cynically to disregard six months later, to the effect that, once the Sudeten Germans were incorporated in the Reich, he would cease to be interested in the Czechs and would do nothing to infringe their independence.

A chance episode had, as it happens, produced a salutary revolution in Hitler's mind.

In the afternoon of that Tuesday, a mechanised division had rumbled through the streets of Berlin and up the Wilhelmstrasse past the Chancellor's window and those of the Embassy.

For three hours Hitler stood at his window and watched it pass. The Germans love military display, but not a single individual in the streets applauded its passage.

The picture which it represented was almost that of a hostile army passing through a conquered city.

Hitler was deeply impressed.

At that moment, he realised for the first time that the cheers of his sycophants were far from representing the true spirit and feelings of the German people.

These extracts are taken from the book by Sir Neville Henderson entitled "Failure of a Mission," published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.

Late in the afternoon of September 27 I had been advised by the Foreign Office by telephone that instructions were on their way to me for yet another communication to the Chancellor.

I accordingly made arrangements to meet the State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at 11 that night, and handed to him a note for immediate transmission and submission to Hitler.

It contained proposals, agreed to by the French Government and transmitted to Prague, pressing Sudeten territories on the basis of the immediate transfer of the the Czech Government to agree to a timetable guaranteed by His Majesty's Government.

## How war was postponed

The first areas were to be handed over on October 1, and the creation of an international boundary commission for the settlement of details was also suggested.

The proposals went far to meet Hitler's demands, and in the end they constituted the main basis of the final settlement at Munich.

With faint hope, I retired to bed on the Tuesday night realising that, if nothing new intervened, the announced general mobilisation of the German army would take place the following day at 2 p.m.

Since the army was already concentrated and mobilised, in effect this meant the beginning of the march into Czechoslovakia.

I was aroused at 7 the next morning (Wednesday) by M. Francois-Poncet, the French Ambassador, who informed me by telephone that his instructions to make a similar communication to mine had reached him at 4 a.m. Three hours later, at 10 a.m., he rang me up again to say that he feared the worst, since he had had no answer to his request for an audience and probably would not now receive one.

I told him that I would come and see him at 10.30.

I then asked to be put into communication with Goering by telephone, and was able to get into immediate touch with him. Fortunately the telephone was working well everywhere on that critical day.

I began to describe the proposals, but Goering cut me short. "You need not," he said, "say a word more. I am going immediately to see the Fuehrer."

I then went round to see the French Ambassador, and while we were discussing the new proposals a message came from the Reichschancellery that Hitler would see Francois-Poncet at 11.15.

Simultaneously a secretary brought round to me at the French Embassy a telegram from London, instructing me to give immediately a final personal message from the Prime Minister to Hitler himself.

Its gist was that, after reading Hitler's letter of the previous evening, Mr. Chamberlain was still convinced that Germany could obtain her essential requirements without resort to war, and that he was ready to come to Berlin at once himself in order to discuss the whole question with Hitler and with representatives of France and Italy.

Did Hitler, it concluded, wish to take the responsibility of starting a world war for the sake of a few days' delay in settling the problem?

It is worth recalling the exact sequence of events on that critical day. Goering went to see Hitler between 10.15 and 11.15 and was joined there by Neurath, who had forced his way in uninvited.

Both were in favour of a peaceful solution by negotiation.

RIBBENTROP

was accused by

Goering of in-

citing to war.



Henderson found Goebbels "the most intelligent of all the Nazi leaders" and was "charmed both by the natural fluency of his manner of speaking and his extremely agreeable voice."

**Sir Neville Henderson**  
Instalment 10



At a meeting of Hitler and his advisers there had been some plain speaking, in which Goering had vehemently accused Ribbentrop of inciting to war.

Among other things, it was related that Goering shouted that he knew what war was and he did not want to go through it again.

If, however, the Fuehrer said "March," he would go himself in the first and leading aeroplane. All that he insisted upon was that Ribbentrop should be in the seat next to him.

He did say this, or something like it, but it was not in the Fuehrer's presence.

But I believe that did call Ribbentrop on that occasion a criminal fool.

Nor, of the various factors which induced Hitler to abandon his idea of a Czech war, was Goering's intervention the least important.

Then came the Poncet interview, in the middle of which, at 11.40 a.m., Hitler left the room to see the Italian Ambassador, who had arrived with a preliminary urgent appeal from Mussolini for the postponement of the so-called general mobilisation for twenty-four hours.

The Italian intervention proved the final and decisive factor for peace. It enabled Hitler to climb down without losing face.

His first remark to me when I saw him at 12.15, immediately after Poncet, was: "At the request of my great friend and ally, Mussolini, I have postponed mobilising my troops for twenty-four hours."

## Mussolini intervenes

Before actually seeing Hitler himself, I had, however, realised that the situation had taken a turn for the better. When I entered the Chancellery, there was an atmosphere of relief in the faces of the less bellicose of the crowd of Nazi soldiers and aides-de-camp who filled the hall.

One friend of mine whispered in my ear: "It is going better; only stick to it!"

I was at once ushered into Hitler's Cabinet room, where I met Goering and Neurath on their way out.

I gave Hitler the Prime Minister's message, and his reply was that he must consult again with Mussolini before giving me a definite answer.

We discussed fairly amicably the latest proposals of the French and British Governments, and the Chancellor, though a little distrustful, was not unreasonable.

My interview with him, which lasted over an hour, was also interrupted by a second visit from the Italian Ambassador, this time to say that Mussolini himself was prepared to accept the British proposals for a Four Power meeting, which had been telegraphed to Rome.

But, as a matter of fact, everything was settled before we

reached the Reichschancellery that morning.

Peace had been ensured when Hitler agreed at Mussolini's request at 11.40 a.m.—exactly two hours and twenty minutes before zero hour—to postpone his so-called general mobilisation.

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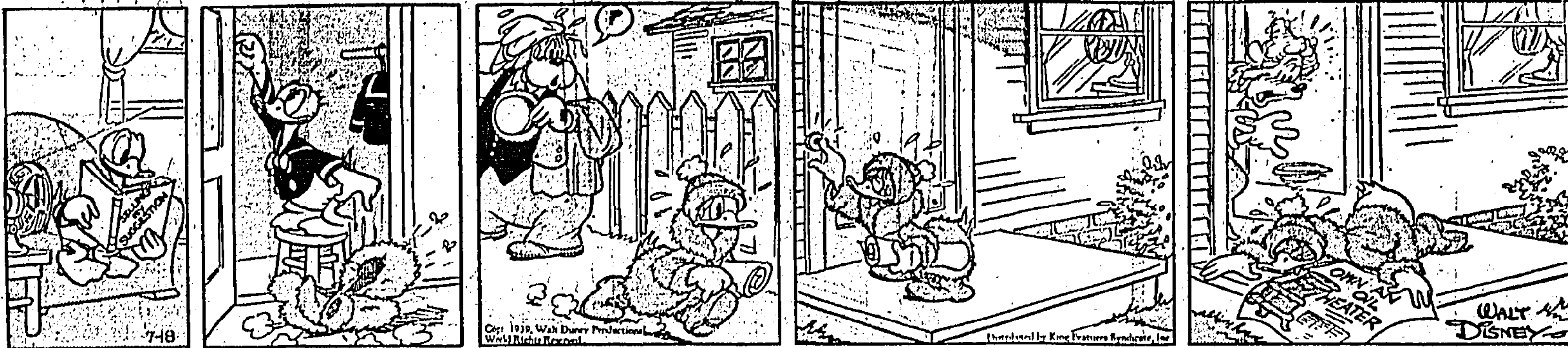
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### Crowds Storm Baron's Home

Now, at last, the whole truth can be told about one of Hitler's most brutal crimes. Here, in all its horror, is the story of how the Nazis held Baron Rothschild to ransom for £15,000,000.

On March 11, 1938, tricked, deceived, and overwhelmed, Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg of Austria bowed to the inevitable.

The minute Baron Louis Rothschild heard the news of Schuschnigg's resignation, he left the banking district near the Burghtheater and hurried to his home on the Prinz Eugene Strasse.

He knew that the Nazis would run riot on the streets, and he and his faithful servants boarded themselves in against the terrorists. They turned out the lights and waited.

All was quiet until about 1.30 on the morning of March 12, when they heard the shouting of a crowd out in front of the big iron gates.

Shots were fired and the crowd scattered. A squad of Nazi soldiers halted by the gate, and he heard a voice calling to him to open up.

"IT'S ALL RIGHT," HE SAID TO THE TREMBLING SERVANTS. "THEY'VE COME FOR ME AND I'M READY FOR THEM."

He unlocked the gate and a Nazi Storm Trooper stepped up to him. "Baron Rothschild," he said. "You are under arrest. Come with us."

They helped him into an automobile and, flanked by marching troops, the party moved away. Nothing was said during the ten-minute drive to the Hotel Metropole where the Nazis were swarming by the hundreds.

"This is headquarters of the Gestapo," politely explained the commander. A short, heavy-set fellow whose jaws puffed out grotesquely above his smart military collar, came in. His name, the Baron learned later, was Fritz Schumacher.

He laid a document down before the Baron, who took it over to the light to read.

**Nazi Ruse Fails to Frighten Him**  
Worded in cumbersome phraseology, to be purposely confusing, it ceded all holdings in the Wittkowitz to a dummy Berlin-controlled outfit called the Austrian Credit Institute for Public Works. The Baron handed it back.

"I have no desire to leave Vienna," he said. "This is my home and I intend to stay here."

He spoke with deliberation. Schumacher walked over to a window and raised it. The roar of a mob swelled into the room.

"Hang the traitor," a woman screamed. "Down with the Rothschilds," came a man's voice booming above the din. The pandemonium grew louder and louder.

Schumacher turned to the Baron. "That mob's gone mad. There are 25,000 people down there yelling for your blood. We can't keep them back much longer. Sign this and I'll sneak you out the back way and get you started for the border to-night."

Schumacher hammered away at him for an hour, as outside the thunder rose and fell, but Baron Rothschild remained adamant.

Fritz finally walked over to the window, shut it, and with a curt good night left.

He stopped on the floor below, poked his head into a room that was directly under the Baron's, and called. "All right, shut it off. He knows they were gramophone records all the time."

**Family Meets In Paris**  
The roar of the mob stopped as a Gestapo agent picked up the needle.

### CHINA'S FIRST LADY RETURNS TO HER ORPHANS



THIS DELIGHTFUL photograph was taken "somewhere in China" when China's First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-shek, returned from her recent visit to Hongkong. Her first thought was of the war orphans she has adopted.

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### MAGINOT LINE OF 60 B.C.

When the Maginot Line was being dug an exactly similar fortification, 2,000 years old, was found. The Gauls built it to keep out the Huns.

Lord Lloyd mentioned this at a meeting of the Anglo-French Ambulance Corps at the Mansion House, London. He said he was told of the discovery by the general who guided him round when he visited the Maginot Line a few years ago.

"Walls," Lord Lloyd added, "have two effects. They may keep barbarians out for civilisation, but they also prevented civilisation from entering Germany."

Sir William Bragg, chairman of the committee of the Ambulance Corps, said one unit of 22 ambulances had already gone to the French Army with British drivers from the Women's Mechanical Transport Corps. They aimed at sending five

Mr. Coward, 87-year-old retired farmer, lived in Regent-square, Dorsetshire. He left £10,363 (net personally, £9,765).

—But he was not killed by a motor-car, or by a young wife. He just died in his bed.

He had not got a young wife, for he was a widower, and his second wife died, aged 70, three years ago.

But he had a motor-car, and motoring was the hobby he took up, at the age of 74, after he retired.

A few years later he had a motor-ing accident, but was only slightly hurt.

He would not give up motoring, in spite of friends' persuasion, and that, perhaps, is the reason for the epitaph.

Mout of Mr. Coward's £10,000 will go eventually to charity, but he left about £800 to his housekeeper.

The French Ambassador, M. Corcoran, returned thanks.

### Twins' Mother Rebuked

A N evacuated mother was criticised by the coroner at an inquest on her twin babies at Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

She was Mrs. Mary Brown, of Lytton-avenue, Enfield.

The evidence was that the babies were fed with milk from a tin of condensed milk borrowed from another woman.

Dr. John M. Ross, pathologist under the military Emergency Service, said that large colonies of bacteria were found in the feeding-bottles.

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(a) Novelty Waltz—Bella Bambina; (b) Fox-Trot—Little Boy; (c) Waltz—Cinderella Sweetheart; (d) Run Rabbit Run.

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9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive la France."

9.45 Variety with The Rocky Mountaineers, Mae Questal and Others.

10.15 Compositions of Kotelbey—The Clock and The Dresden China Figures (Kotelbey); Ferby Kouffman and His Orchestra; Wedgewood Blue; In The Moonlight; The London-Paladium Orchestra; The Phantom Melody; Algerian Scene; Albert Sandler (Violin) with The Composer at the Piano.

10.38 Liszt—Concerto No. 3 in A Major.

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A number of Post Office radio stations in various parts of England are engaged wholly in spotting new "pirate" stations.

Mobile detector vans are also active. Commander Ramsey, M.P., Peebles, is to ask the Minister of Information if he will take steps to counteract a secret radio station, the call signal of which is "Loch Lomond," which purports to be a British official station, and broadcasts anti-Jewish talks.

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### The Spirit of Hitler

There is much talk to-day of making war not on the German people but on Hitlerism, writes Anne Morrow Lindbergh in the "Reader's Digest."

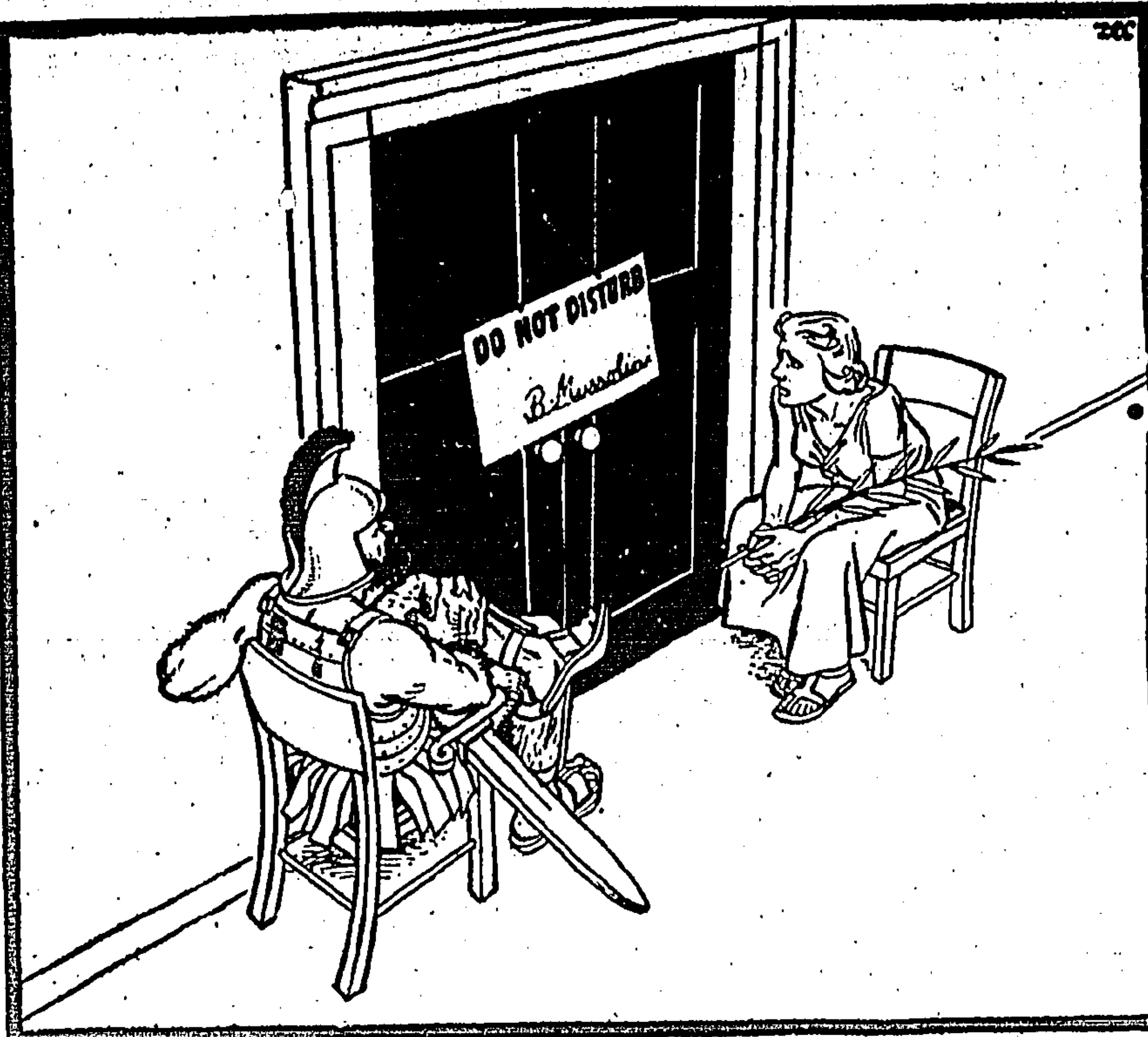
She asks if Hitler and his regime is not the embittered spirit of a strong and deeply humiliated people. It is irrelevant, she argues, whether or not this spirit is justified.

The fact is, it is there. You cannot kill a spirit; you cannot incinerate it. It returns like Hamlet's ghost. The ghost of Hitler will haunt an uneasy Europe for generations if the course of this war and its consequent peace is the same as that of the last war.

So much for the spirit of Hitler. But it should be remembered that Germany has long been haunted by a spirit that was the curse of Europe, and it was not an embittered and humiliated Germany either.

It was not an embittered and humiliated Germany that attacked Denmark, and Austria, and France in a series of wars between 1864 and 1870, and that plunged the world into war twenty-five years ago. It was a Germany flushed with the lust for conquest; the strongest military power in the world. Those wars were planned years ahead and were deliberately provoked.

After the last war Germany may have felt embittered and humiliated. She had good reason to be so. The crime she had planned had miscarried, and her disappointment was bound to be bitter. But there was nothing of the spirit of humiliation in Hitler's dream of European and then world domination. There was the love of military glory, of greed, envy, and arrogance.



Waiting for the Call-up!

## BALKAN Bag-o'-tricks

Four men are looking  
into it anxiously to-day

THROUGH the snowstreaked V.C. and the British M.C. in the

passes of the Balkans, the sleek blue coaches of the Orient Express have brought three statesmen to meet a fourth in Belgrade. And nearly 60,000,000 people are anxiously awaiting the results of their discussions, which begin to-day.

For 60,000,000 people inhabit Greece, Turkey, Rumania and Yugoslavia, the four countries of the Balkan Entente. It is their Foreign Ministers who are gathered under the shadow of the once-glittering citadel which gave Yugoslavia's King Boris of Rumania and his capital its name of "The White Fortress"—Belgrade.

And the row they have to hoe is none too easy a one.

Plump, neat, grey-moustached General John Metaxas is probably the least worried of the four, considering he is Greece's dictator as well as its Foreign Minister.

But then few experiences can seem very terrible after a taste of Prussian Army discipline, and 40-odd years ago General John was the star pupil of the Berlin Officers' Academy.

Grigore Gafencu, tall, fair-haired newspaper owner, crack air pilot, is undoubtedly the most concerned. The demands of NORDERNEY, WANGEROOG and BOR-KUM have been fortified. In the Baltic the fortifications stretch as far as Rugen. The purpose of this is to protect the great German ports of Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel

and Greece—has been temporarily persuaded to play a part. That is peace-maker Sarajoglu's work, though Bulgaria has reserved all her rights to present her plate again after the war.

Bulgaria's standstill agreement has gone a long way towards realising dead Kemal Ataturk's dream of a Balkan bloc in defence of peace.

Still, there are three very fair-sized cats left. Those of Hungary, Germany and Russia. And all of them have their eyes fixed in the most interested manner on Rumania.

Russia would like to get back from Rumania the province of Bessarabia, which she lost after the last war; Hungary would like to get back the province of Transylvania.

Germany would like to turn King Carol's domains into her private granary, oil-field and timber-yard.

King Carol, conscious that Transylvania and Bessarabia contain many more Rumanians than minorities, is saying "no" very firmly to any territorial demands. On Germany's he is trying to do a careful hedge.

"If that fails to satisfy Berlin, are you behind me?" is the question worried M. Gafencu, putting his Balkan Entente colleagues.

It's a tricky question. It's a tricky business anyhow, keeping peace in the Balkans.

Ronald Matthews

## Why would anyone want to bomb Sylt?

—Because it is the hub of the most strongly fortified area in the world. SYLT has been transformed since 1935 into a naval and aerial stronghold where hundreds of airplanes are kept in underground hangars. Those innocent-looking farms you can see from the Danish Island of Rømø, four miles to the north, have 18 in. concrete roofs beneath their tiles.

Out in the sea is HELIGOLAND, famous great war fortress, recently strengthened. AT TONNING, on the mainland, is a new airport; another at GELTING. SCHLESWIG has become an important military centre. Further down the coast the islands of NORDERNEY, WANGEROOG and BOR-KUM have been fortified. In the Baltic the fortifications stretch as far as Rugen. The purpose of this is to protect the great German ports of Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel

Lubeck, Wilhelmshaven. It is unlikely they will be used as a base for air attacks against England. Better ones exist in Westphalia and the Rhineland. Sylt, they say, is a branch of the German naval air arm, "Air Section 6," which has headquarters at Kiel.

Sylt is twenty-three miles long, only half a mile wide, and connected to the shore by a railway which runs along a seven-mile peninsula stretching towards the shore.

Sylt used to have a population of 6,000, now evacuated. The islands, for all their steel and concrete strength, are slowly disappearing. The area of the group, of which Sylt is the biggest, used to be 1,000 square miles 700 years ago. Now it is 100. But as the sea gnaws away the coast on one side it deposits sand on the other, forming fine beaches which attract pleasure-seekers. Sylt's resort Westerland was chosen by Goering for a holiday in August 1938.





## Day Of Sorrow And Hope

### Labour Manifesto On May Day

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—If May Day this year is a day of sorrow for those democratic movements which have fallen by the way, it is also a day of hope, states a manifesto issued by the British National Council of Labour.

Britain, France, Scandinavia and the Dominions are standing shoulder to shoulder, determined to aggression and make it possible for freedom to survive. They are resolved to wage this battle until triumph is assured.

The British Labour movement is already playing its part in the national effort for victory.

**Unobserved in Reich**  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler did not make a speech on May Day. There were also none of the usual processions and meetings. Shutters on shops and the fact that no newspapers were about were the only signs of holiday.

German workers continued working all day, but Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Leader tried to cheer them by assuring them that they are the real rulers of Germany under the Nazi regime.

**Frenchmen Work On**  
PARIS, May 1 (Reuter).—In accordance with a decision of the French Trade Unions Council, French workers continued working on May Day.

**Hess's New Boast**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—Our building ships are full of submarines and everything necessary for waging war is constantly being produced, declared Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess during a May Day speech at the Krupp works at Essen today.

## ALLIED SITUATION IN SOUTH NORWAY SAID COMPROMISED

FROM PAGE ONE

German destroyers inside Trondheim Fjord and the Allied base at Narvik is under constant bombardment from the air.

**Hopeful Development**  
The only hopeful development visible here are two fresh landings at Sunddal (north of Andalsnes) and about 45 miles to the west of the Dombaa-Sloeren railway) and in the Nord Fjord to the south of Andalsnes.

But these freshly landed troops will be forced to proceed over mountainous country where it is very difficult to transport artillery. Clinging of the German grip on southern Norway would mean that the Allied object of preventing the linking up the main body of Germans with those at Trondheim has failed for the time being.

It would also mean that the Allied scheme for quickly pinching off from the north and south and wiping the Germans out at Trondheim has failed, and the Allies themselves will be on the defensive if the Germans succeed in maintaining and strengthening their junction with Trondheim.

**Unhappy Prospect**  
The prospect also arises that in the long run Hitler can utilise the Norwegian bases to the fullest extent for wide scale air and submarine offensives against Britain's mastery of the North Sea, which was the original objective of the invasion.

General Falkenhorn's next move will be an attempt to drive the Allies entirely out of the Trondheim region. If he succeeds it will give the Allied Supreme War Council the gravest problem they have yet faced.

**The Darkest Spot**  
The darkest spot in the picture is the continuance, almost unhindered of German predominance of the air, which enables them repeatedly to shower hundreds of bombs on Allied landing bases and lines of communications (as witness the seven raids on Narvik yesterday, sometimes lasting two hours).

This constitutes a crucial handicap which the Allies cannot overcome until they acquire airfields where plenty of fast fighters can land and take off. In the meantime all operations are seriously jeopardised.

It is precisely to gain control of such air bases that Trondheim is such a vital objective in the Allied plan. The modern, tiny high speed fighting planes which are necessary to combat the German bombers cannot carry enough gasoline to fly across the North Sea, fight and return.

The planes which are carried on naval aircraft carriers are of the scouting type and not fast enough or heavily enough armed to tackle bombers.

So far the comparatively few Allied fighters which have been sent to Norway have been forced to use frozen lakes as their bases. This is dangerous and unsatisfactory and, anyway, the lakes will soon thaw.

## KING AND QUEEN IN LANCASHIRE

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen today toured South Lancashire. Among the places they visited was an aircraft factory where they inspected planes in every stage of construction. Later they talked with Trade Union officials at Merseyside Dock. In conversation with one leader, the King said that he had noticed throughout the tour the very fine spirit everywhere.

## King Finds A New Spirit

### Impressed On Tour Of South Lancashire

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"We have found a different spirit all over the country wherever we have been since the war. Everyone is united in the war effort," said the King to the Trade Union leader, Mr. Pugh, when Their Majesties visited South Lancashire.

They inspected an aircraft factory where they saw astonishingly large numbers of planes being produced, made a ten-mile tour of the Merseyside Docks and visited a giant munition works busy making naval guns.

### The King's Hope

The King said to Mr. McVey, another Trade Union leader: "We have got to see things through. I only hope that it will be a better world in every way after the war."

Thousands of stevedores and Lascars unloading ships stopped to cheer. Their Majesties as they drove by the docks escorted by Lord Derby and Sir Warren Fisher, the Regional Commissioner.

The crews of warships, British and foreign merchantships lined the sides of their vessels and cheered.

## ITALIANS STILL PREPARE FOR WAR

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certain and the Admiralty ordered the Mediterranean closed.

**War Risk Rates Raised**  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—A new advisory schedule of the war risk insurance rates for shipping on Mediterranean and Black Sea voyages.

A few rates are quadrupled, many are doubled and others are increased in smaller proportions.

**Egypt's Precautions**  
CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—Owing to the uncertainty of the Mediterranean situation, certain defence preparations, usual under the present circumstances, were taken throughout Egypt this afternoon.

**Pointed Hint To Italy**  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—It is understood that the British Government's attitude regarding the Mediterranean will not entail any wholesale recall or diversion of British ships.

The case of each vessel will be considered on its merits. The special needs of the ships' cargo and the political situation at the time of the proposed journey will also be borne in mind.

In the case of ships proceeding from Britain to the East and the Far East which are not carrying large amounts of cargoes of Mediterranean ports there is no doubt that substantial diversions via the Cape of Good Hope will occur.

Even if they carry a large proportion of their cargo for ports like Naples and Marseilles such goods may be trans-shipped by non-British vessels.

Regarding the political aspect of the decision, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in authoritative quarters that it is a pointed hint to Italy that the recent tone of her press and political speakers does not accord with the spirit of the gentlemen's agreement between Italy and Britain.

It is considered unfortunate that this attitude should be taken by the Italian press at a time when Anglo-Italian trade talks were promising to bear fruit.

One of the specific agreements in which progress was being made would provide for the construction of shipping tonnage for Britain in Italy in exchange for coal.

## INVESTMENTS TO BE REGULATED

### U.S. Senate Passes New Measure

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed a Bill authorising the President to regulate or prohibit dealings in foreign investments in the United States in war-time or other emergency.

The Senate passed the Bill on Monday. Hence it now goes to President Roosevelt for signature. The Bill seeks to meet questions regarding the legality of the President's recent action in "freezing" American credits belonging to Danish and Norwegian citizens.

The Treasury has authorised all Norwegians and Danes to make deposits in American banks, but the restrictions on withdrawals from American accounts will be continued.

## Foreign Exchange Mobilisation

OTTAWA, May 1 (Reuter).—Canada is now taking steps to mobilise the holdings of foreign exchange. Holders of foreign currencies must sell them to the Canadian Foreign Exchange Board within 30 days.

This Board, which was set up in the early days of the war, has wide powers to take over the gold exchange reserves of the Bank of Canada which is no longer required to maintain a minimum gold reserve.

## They Didn't Gain Much

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—Competent British sources here today stated that the invasion of Denmark has netted Germany less than one million out of a total of 4,000,000 tons of Danish shipping.

The remainder of Danish vessels is scattered in various ports throughout the world.

## Vacillating Germany

### Can't Decide Who She Wants As Friend

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In discussing the political situation today, the Stockholm newspaper "Dag Nyheter" points out that Germany alternates between Russia and Italy.

During the first six months of the war Russia was Germany's best friend, says the paper. But now her friend is Italy.

Both the Russo-German and Italo-German friendships largely depend on coming events.

Mussolini desires a final answer to the problem of the air force versus the navy before taking any definite decision.

**Russia Surprised**  
Russia, says the paper, was as surprised by the German attack on Norway as Italy was surprised by the Russo-German pact last August.

If Germany comes to dominate a large part of the Scandinavian peninsula much of Russia's gains during the last six months will be lost.

It is therefore not surprising that Russia is considering the question of delivering her surplus exports to Yugoslavia and Britain instead of Germany.

## Exaggerated Nazi Claims

### Become Laughing Stock Of The Neutrals

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, said that the exaggeration of British naval losses off Norway by Germany. The German claims, he said, were so exaggerated as to evoke sarcastic comments in neutral countries.

Special machinery existed in the Ministry of Information, he said, for dealing with enemy mis-statements. When these were not designed to elicit valuable information, immediate corrections were issued through channels which were assured of wide publicity, especially in south-east Europe.

## Yugo-Slavia And Russia

### Trade Negotiations Proceed Smoothly

MOSCOW, May 1 (Reuter).—It is understood that commercial negotiations between Russia and Yugo-Slavia are proceeding smoothly. It appears that Yugo-Slavia wishes to sell copper and other minerals, pork and dried fruits. She wants to buy in return cotton and petroleum.

The Yugoslav delegation has had several interviews with the Foreign Trade Commissar, M. Mikoyan. Yugo-Slavia's recognition of Soviet has not yet been discussed, but it may be raised later if the commercial agreement is negotiated.

## EXPERIENCES AT NARVIK

FROM PAGE ONE

ing along the railway accompanied by German guards.

The cold was acute and the men were tired and frozen.

During the whole of the following 36 hours the only food was a cup of coffee and some dog biscuits.

At the frontier they were handed over to the Swedish authorities. 30 Ships Sunk At Narvik

Dobson further states that about 30 ships of various nationalities have been sent to the bottom of Narvik harbour.

Jesse Jones, of the Merston Court, was taken prisoner with 50 others when the Germans entered the port.

He says that they were lined up on the deck of a prison ship and had their photographs taken.

Then they were kept below in the ship which was used as a screen during the British attacks.

They were released next morning presumably because by that time the Germans had found themselves too busy looking after themselves to bother about anyone else.

## Duty Concessions To Soldiers

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, in reply to a question, said that it had been arranged that members of the forces serving in Palestine will be granted the same customs and duty concessions as members of the B. E. F. in France.

He added that Dominion soldiers would be covered by the decision.

## ATTACKS BY R.A.F.

### Enemy Aircraft Bombed In Scandinavia

LONDON, May 1. The Air Ministry announces that large concentrations of enemy aircraft were reported yesterday at air bases in Norway and Denmark. Extensive strong forces of R.A.F. bomber aircraft last night on the aerodromes at Stavanger, Fornebu and Aalborg. The attacks were pressed home in the face of strong opposition from anti-aircraft guns and fighters.

Preliminary reports indicate that heavy damage was done on the aerodromes and aircraft there. Casualties were inflicted on enemy fighters and at least three are known to have been shot down. Seven R.A.F. aircraft were lost during these operations.

Further attacks were carried out this morning.—Reuter.

### Oslo Warning

Paris, May 1. Women and children have been ordered by the Germans to evacuate Oslo. The authorities did not sound the air raid alarm during the R.A.F. attack on Monday, allegedly in order to avoid repetition of the scenes of panic observed in recent raids.—Reuter.

### Raid On Hartwick

Paris, May 1. The aerodrome at Hartwick, Norway, and 11 big German bombers at the aerodrome were destroyed during the night.—Reuter.

## THAT TIENSIN SILVER

### Another Question In House Of Commons

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Noel Baker asked the Prime Minister whether he could assure the House that the Government would agree to the no new arrangement concerning the silver deposits in the banks of the International Concession in Tientsin without the consent of the recognised government of China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that he presumed that Mr. Noel Baker referred to the silver deposited in a Chinese bank in the British Concession in Tientsin. The Government had consulted the Chinese Government at all material stages of the negotiations on this subject and were continuing to do so.

## ACTIVITY IN BALKANS

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in Belgrade arrived after the war had started.

**Nazi Patrols In Danube**  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns that news has been received in London from reliable sources that a number of armoured German patrol vessels—disguised as barges—have reached the lower Danubian waters.

Some of them are anchoring at Rusehuk.

This step is regarded in London as a characteristic German flouting of the authority of the riverine governments and the Danubian Commission.

**Students Demonstrate**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 1 (UP).—"Exchange Telegraph" reports that Belgrade that the police today fired over the heads of Yugo-Slav students holding a mass demonstration this morning.

The students were shouting "Long Live Soviet Russia!"

The demonstrators were dispersed after several had been arrested.

## Premier To Speak

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In reply to a question put forward by the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee in the House of Commons today, the Prime Minister said he hoped to be in position to make a statement on the position in Norway tomorrow.

## Soccer Council Meeting

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at the Association's offices on Monday, May 6, at 5.30 p.m.

## Baer-Galento Bout Postponed

New York, Apr. 30. The heavyweight bout between Max Baer, former world champion, and Tony Galento, scheduled for May 28, has been postponed until July 2. Galento claimed that the death of his former manager, Joe Jacobs, interrupted his training.—United Press.

## Kwong Wah Athletic Meet

The annual athletic meeting of the Kwong Wah Athletic Association will be held on the Police football ground on Sunday, commencing at 10 a.m.

## OBITUARY

### Leader Of Opposition To Slavery

London, May 1. The death has occurred of Sir John Harris, Secretary of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.—Reuter.

John Hobbs Harris, missionary and leader of the present-day movement against slavery in every form, was born at Wantage, Berkshire, in 1874 and educated at King Alfred's School and privately. For seven years he held a post in a London commercial firm, but devoted his spare time to studying the achievement of travellers in and adventures of the conditions under which the natives lived. Inspired by a longing to help oppressed peoples, he became a missionary and spent nearly seven years in Central Africa. Covering a wide area in his studies of the natives' lives, he travelled thousands of miles through jungle and forest on foot and by canoe, having many narrow escapes from hostile blacks and wild beasts. He went into the Belgian Congo and began a campaign against the forced labour system existing there. For a long period Harris sent from the Congo to a London newspaper articles describing the atrocities which the system involved and to such an extent that Belgium introduced reforms.

Returning to England, Harris became organising secretary of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society and continued his work against all forced labour systems with great vigour. In 1923-4 he was Liberal M.P. for North Hackney. He also became a member of the executive committee of the League of Nations Union and attended all the meetings of the League at Geneva as well as other conferences. His chief aim was to secure a pronouncement from the League condemning all conditions which could be included under the description of slavery. Steps were taken to bring about the abolition of forced labour in Abyssinia and Liberia.

In January 1933, Harris was knighted and at a luncheon in his honour a high tribute to his courage, enthusiasm and knowledge was paid by Sir John Simon.

## GALLANTRY REWARD

### Colonial Police Medal For Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry

The presentation of the Colonial Police Medal for gallantry was made by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, to Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Service in the compound of the Wanchai Police Station yesterday.

The award was earned during the fire in Connaught Road West during the typhoon on September 2, 1937, when Mr. Fitz-Henry personally directed operation from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. although he had not yet recovered from an attack of influenza.

Other awards were Head Foreman Li Po (who has risen from the ranks), Colonial Fire Brigade Long Service Medal.

Assistant Station Officer C. W. Brand, Sub-Officer Wong Wai-soi, Motor-drivers Sung Kwai and Cheung Tim and Firemen Cheung Toy, Ng Chuk Wu, Ho Tai-sit, Ng Ting and Yuen Hoi, commendations for zealous and courageous action in effecting the rescue of persons from burning buildings during the fire in Shanghai Street on December 3, 1939, when over 40 people were killed.

**Auxiliary Fire Service Shield**  
The presentation of the Auxiliary Fire Service Shield, which had been donated by Mr. Philip Gockebin, of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, was made to members of the Kowloon team, who won the Beraford Street Trolley Pump competition. The Hongkong team, runners-up, received silver spoons as mementos.

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister's statement to-morrow is expected to be supplemented by a further statement by him next Tuesday.

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### Thrilling Climax To A Dismal Start

(By "Tinker")

IN THE LAST MINUTES of the fading light at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, the closing stages of the most thrilling drama of local sport within the past several years was being enacted. S. A. Rumjahn defeated the hitherto unbeatable Tsui Wai-pui in five great sets for the tennis Singles Championship of the Colony.

The scores were 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Tsui, it must be admitted, had never had a more unfortunate day on the court. His game was completely off, but this in no way detracted from Rumjahn's performance which was alternately steady and brilliant throughout.

The first three sets were productive of the most dismal tennis of any final ever played in the Tournament. Rumjahn, in these sets, never rose to any great heights, while Tsui was sadly off form. When he struggled to win the first set at 8-6, none was really conscious of the fact that the former champion was not himself.

Tsui Yui-pui in the first semi-final created a sensation by forcing his brother, for the first time, to play defensive tennis—Rumjahn, yesterday, caused even greater surprise when he forced the ex-champion to resort to literal pat-ball tennis! This was in the final set when Rumjahn was leading 3-1 and 40-love.

But his tactics repaid him for Tsui eventually won that game! Never before was there so much tenseness during a match. Spectators were little short of demonstrative. At 5-2 in the final set, and on his own service, Rumjahn had two set points, but lost the game! Deuce was called three times. At 5-3 he had another three set points and deuce was called three times before Tsui went down.

#### INCIDENTS

THERE is no doubting Tsui's qualities as a fighter. He fought for everything as gamely as his wayward control would allow. He seemed particularly unfortunate in incidents that would have thrown

#### Eight Times In The Final

S. A. Rumjahn has been eight times in the final of the Colony Open Singles Championship, and has won on five occasions. His record is:

- 1927—champion
- 1928—runner-up
- 1929—runner-up
- 1932—champion
- 1933—champion
- 1935—champion
- 1937—runner-up
- 1940—champion

any other in his position right out of stride. When he resorted to pat-ball in the final set, a remark from the Club balcony caused him to turn and stare in that direction. Whether Tsui misconstrued that remark or not, but I will say that his tactics were more than justified.

The second incident was when he was 4-2 down and Rumjahn hit a ball down the side-line and out, the linesman failed to see the shot and the point, given to Rumjahn, gave him the advantage, and eventually the game making the score 5-2. It must have been most upsetting.

#### NOTHING BUT PRAISE

TO Sirdar Rumjahn, who is getting on in years, and who last won the Singles Championship in 1935,



Tsui Wai-pui, hitherto unbeaten, showed amazingly poor form in the final yesterday. The concentrated look on his face reveals the care he was taking in making his shots.—Ming Yuen.

there can be nothing but praise. He is thirty-six years of age, and this is his 21st year of tournament tennis. His triumph yesterday will go down in local tennis history as one of the finest come-backs there ever was. His stone-wall defence was never more solid. His forehead was never more steady, nor (I am speaking of these later years) was his accuracy ever so much to the fore.

In the final set he produced tennis that was astonishing. He outmanoeuvred Tsui time and again. He volleyed and drove cross-court with surprising speed and accuracy, and he speaks itself for Tsui that despite this tennis, Rumjahn was hard-pressed to win.

#### FREER STYLE

TSUI took the fourth set in a freer style than he had shown previously, and indications were that he was recovering his touch. But on his service, which has been woefully weak this year, he dropped the first game of the final set—a love game. Rumjahn took the second after deuce had been called once, but Tsui won the third. In every game but the first, the score was at least 40-30.

Rumjahn took the fourth game to lead 3-1, and in the fifth game, on Tsui's service, was leading 40-15 when Tsui started his pat-ball tactics. They paid in that he won three points in a row to make the score deuce.

In the sixth game he discarded his over-cautious tactics and Rumjahn took it on his own service after several very fine shots down the side-lines.

#### DECISIVE STAGE

THE seventh game featured the line-ball incident, with the game going to Rumjahn. It was now at the decisive stage. The light was falling. If Tsui would win another two games there was little prospect of the match finishing. In the eighth game, Rumjahn led 40-15 on his service, and amid great excitement and much applause Tsui gallantly fought his way to deuce, which was called three times before Tsui won.

The ninth, and final game started. The score came to 15-all at which stage Tsui served a double! He regained the point with a fine "ace" to make the score 30-all. He won the next point, and led 40-30. One more point and the match would probably have been replayed. It was not to be, however. Sirdar levelled the score with a lucky net-cord. Deuce was called twice, and then Tsui sent the ball far outside, giving Rumjahn the advantage. With another service "ace", however, deuce was reached again. Tsui's next losing shot was a very weak half-volley which went into the net. With Rumjahn having the advantage—Tsui misjudged a volley—the ball struck the frame of his racket and the match was over.

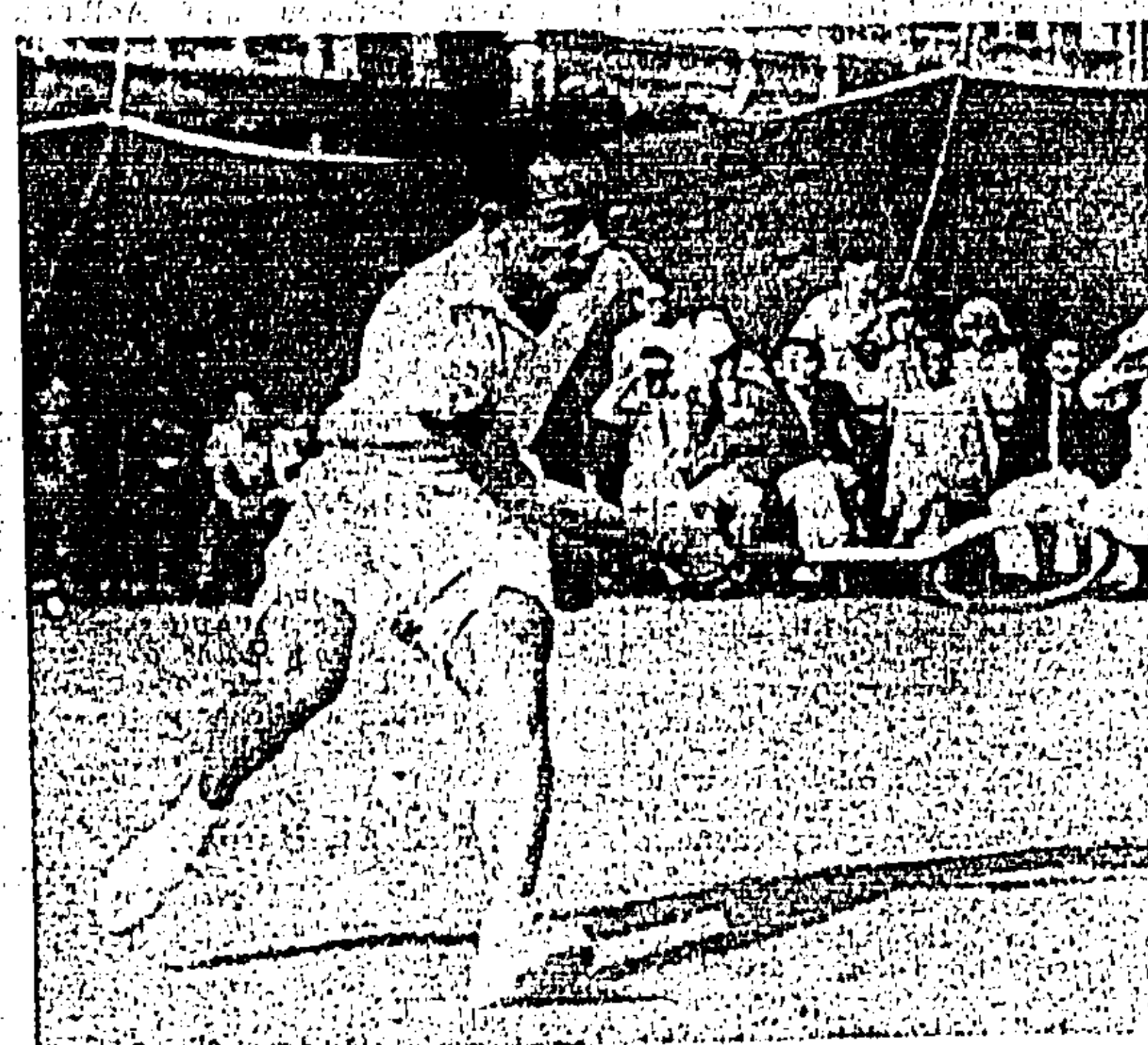
#### Golf

### G. Thomson Wins B.W.O.F. Competition

G. THOMPSON (22) won the second British War Organisation Fund competition at Fanling in March and April, with a score of five up.

Other scores were M. L. Reidy (21) and J. M. Pearson (18) four up; J. Moffat (18) and C. F. Drew (18) three up; W. J. E. Mackenzie (16) two up and C. M. Stark (10),

### SIRDAR CELEBRATES



In his 21st year of tournament tennis, Sirdar Rumjahn captures the Colony Open Singles title for the fifth time. He is here making a chopped cross-court shot, typical of several that gained him points in beating Tsui Wai-pui in the final yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

### WEATHER INTERFERES WITH BASEBALL

NEW YORK, May 1 (UP).—Though all games were played in the American League to-day, the National League baseball schedule was seriously upset by weather. The results were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	5	0
New York	5	9	0
Chicago	4	8	0
Boston	12	13	0

(Kuhel and Kennedy homered for the White Sox. Fox homered for the Red Sox.)

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	6	6
Cincinnati	5	5	0

The New York-St. Louis, Boston-Chicago and Philadelphia-Pittsburgh games were postponed on account of weather.

### Djebel Wins War-Time Classic

Now Hot Favourite For Derby Substitute

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The French challenger, M. Marcel Boussac's Djebel, won the first war-time racing classic in England—the Two Thousand Guineas—beating the Aga Khan's Stardust by two lengths, with the Maharajah of Kohlapur's Tantiemieux a head behind.

Djebel, who will now be hot favourite for the Derby substitute, kept well with the leaders, dashed to the front when just below the distance, easily resisted Stardust's challenge a hundred yards from home, and won comfortably. The mile course was covered in one minute 42.0 secs. The betting was 9/4 on Djebel (favourite), 100/9 on Stardust, and 13/2 on Tantiemieux.

T. E. Pearce (13) (twice) and L. J. C. Loch (8) one up. Total entries at \$1 each were 248.

#### Summer Singles Draw

The following is the draw for the Happy Valley first summer singles tournament, the preliminary round of which is to be completed before May 12, the first round before May 15, the second by June 2, the third by June 10, the semi-final by June 30 and the final by July 14.

Preliminary round: W. Stewart (12) v. G. E. Willerton (12); G. W. Sewell (12); W. H. Jowit (11) v. W. V. Ahern (9); Major Harvey (8) v. H. Nundy (10). First round: T. D. Low (11) v. A. G. C. Nutfield (10); A. McKellar (10) v. W. T. Hillyer (10); A. C. J. Bowler (7) v. J. Linaker (12); F. C. Barry (9) v. A. J. MacFadyen (18); G. M. Barker (14) v. J. C. MacFadyen (14); S. Tuck (14) v. R. G. Parker (10); A. H. Penn (12) v. S. F. Chubb (15); Winner of Stewart and May v. winner of Willerton v. Sewell; winner Jowit and Ahern v. winner of Harvey and Nundy; H. Smith (10) v. W. W. C. Shewell (10); Col. Matthews (12) v. D. Humphreys (7); G. H. Reeve (15) v. L. H. Carter (9); G. Greenwood (10) v. W. S. Miller (10); W. Macdonald (7) v. C. C. Stark (12); J. E. Price (12) v. J. E. Bebbington (12); K. S. Robertson (9) v. M. A. Cairns (10).

#### Basketball

### MANILA TOURISTS BEAT HONGKONG STARS BY LAST MINUTE GOAL

IN A VERY TIGHT GAME at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, the Chung Hwa Girl basketball team managed their fourth victory in the final game of the series played here in aid of Chinese Wounded and Refugees, when they defeated their victors of a previous match, the Hongkong Stars in a last minute goal, 15-13.

The visitors employed the same tactics that won them the game against the Chinese Federation, a five-men defence, but their speed in recovery and their stamina really won them the game.

The Stars, after an attack, seemed slow in taking their positions for defence, and their main fault was in too close marking, thus spoiling what combination they might have struck. The absence of two of their star forwards, Lau Siu-kyong and Ng Shun-ping also contributed to their defeat.

Hongkong opened the score through a foul goal by Suen Yuk-mui. Chung Hwa equalised and went ahead through foul goals by Victoria Tai and Alice Chen. Both sides battled to the end of the gruelling 16-minute first half at the end of which found the visitors leading one point, 7-6.

#### CONSTANT CHANGES

DIANA CHEN strove throughout the game to rally her team, but to no avail, and the constant changes of the Stars line-up proved to the visitors advantage, who kept the same line-up till the end.

The last quarter was the most exciting period of the game. The scores were tied twice before centre-play with Alice Chen as the pivot, gave her the ball from Victoria M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burdell, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange. J. Gellatly, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge.

#### CHUNG HWA

	No. of fouls	Goals	Foul goals
Alice Chen	3	1	1
Victoria Tai	1	1	1
Cary Ong	1	2	2
Josefa Go	1	1	1
Sally Wong	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

#### HONGKONG STARS

	No. of fouls	Goals	Foul goals
Lo Shui Yee	2	1	1
Lian Chai-chen	1	1	1
Diana Chan	1	1	1
Ngan Siu-yung	3	1	1
Lam Shiu-ping	4	1	1
Suen Yuk-mui	1	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Exhibition Game

IN A CURTAIN RAISER for the Chung Hwa-Hongkong Stars game, the Sing Tao squad met the Eastern quintet in another exhibition game, and lost 27-28.

Eastern played more consistent basketball, their combination was good, and both their guards played an excellent game. Tall centre Hsu Hang of Eastern was prolific in his scoring and totalled 10 points (6 goals, 4 foul goals). Had he been given more support he might have scored more.

#### FIRST HALF DEFICIT

SING TAO'S diagonal play seemed at variance to the straight run, block-

### Lawn Bowls Teams For Week-end

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. and Indian R.C. in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

#### C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.

1st team (home, 3.30 p.m.)—E. Kirmon, J. W. Denkin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones.  
2nd team v. K.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.)—A. F. Shepherd, P. D. Crawley, J. M. Purvis and A. B. Allen.

J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall.  
C. J. Walker, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange.  
Reserves—H. Parrott, J. F. Hickman and J. Barnett.

#### INDIAN R.C. RINKS

1st team v. C.S.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.)—P. A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan and A. R. Dallah.  
A. K. Sufiad, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakor and A. K. Minu.  
J. Hoosen, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar and A. R. Minu.

### COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

THE COTTAGE CLUB Cavalcade on Saturday will start from Sheung Shan, and cross-roads at 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Club House at 3.50 p.m.

Marking the departure from the Colony of a popular "Dutch" rider, "The Flying Dutchman Cup" will be competed for in a paper-hunt to be held in the late afternoon of Saturday, May 11. Details will be announced in the press of next week.



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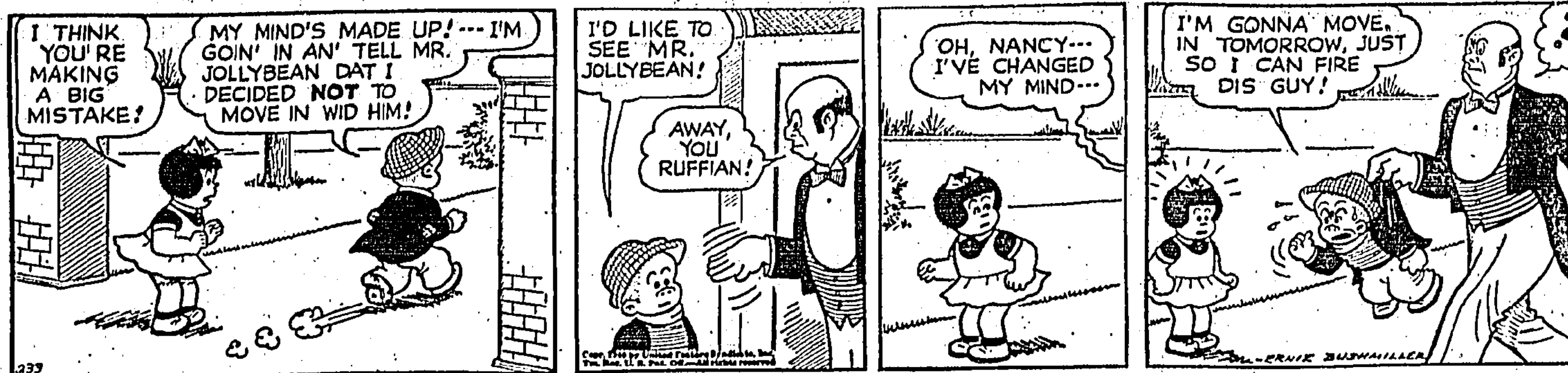
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# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## BOMBED BY NAZI RAIDERS



MOLDE, the Norwegian city south of Stavanger, which was heavily bombed by Nazi raiders this week.

## I WAS WRONG ABOUT HITLER

—UNITY MITFORD'S FATHER

LORD REDESDALE, FATHER OF UNITY MITFORD, HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT HITLER. HE SAID THAT THE WAR HAS TAUGHT HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG.

In a statement issued from his home at High Wycombe (Bucks), he said:

"My only crime, if it be a crime, so far as I know, is that I was one of many thousands in this country who thought that our best interests would be served by a friendly understanding with Germany. In this, though now proved to be wrong, I was, at any rate, in good company.

"But all that was before the days when lightships and fishing smacks were being bombed, and merchant seamen were being machine-gunned while swimming or clinging to rafts or in open boats; and there is many a man in this country who has changed his mind on this matter since the days when the Prime Minister flew to Munich."

### "Suspicion"

In his statement, he also discussed the refusal of the Government to allow him to take his daughter, Miss Unity Mitford, to his Scottish home at Inch Kenneth, Argyllshire, which is in a protected area.

"It is a decision arrived at," he said, "by those responsible for the safety of our country after due consideration, and it would be highly improper for me to question it. What I do resent, however, is the undoubted undercurrent of suspicion and resentment created by publicity to which, however inaccurate its statement may be, there is no right of reply.

### Not A Fascist

"I could not pretend that I have ever rendered this country any signal service. But I am satisfied in my own conscience that my military record is not one of which I have any reason to be ashamed, and certainly to-day my only desire is to see the earliest possible victory for the Allies.

"One other matter which I find very troubling is that I am constantly described as a 'Fascist.' I am not, never have been, and am not likely to become a Fascist."

### War Record

Lord Redesdale served in the South African War, when he was dangerously wounded, and was mentioned in despatches in the last war.

Miss Unity Mitford underwent an operation at Oxford after her return from Germany early in January, and was to have gone to recuperate at the home Lord Redesdale recently bought at Inch Kenneth.

## THESE WOMEN ARE "PERM KNITTERS"



LATEST product of the war is the Perm Knitter.

A Perm knitter, in case you have not met one, is a woman who knits while her hair is being waved.

Women hairdressers' saloons at Lowestoft are full of them.

Instead of idly gossiping away the hours while their hair "cooks," the customers help to knit socks or scarves.

The wool is provided for them at the saloons and they carry on with garments where previous customers have left off.

Already a substantial number of comforts has been provided for Lowestoft men serving in minesweepers or drifter patrols.

"Customers have adopted the idea readily," one hairdresser said.

"In fact, in all the town, I have heard of only three women who refused to add a few stitches to a garment when invited to do so."

## Arms King Victim of Iron Guard Vengeance

# GAOLED BECAUSE HE MARRIED IN SECRET ROMANCE CAUSED RIOTS

## The General And The Cigarettes

By T. E. A. HEALY

THIS story concerns a French General and a packet of cigarettes.

I had shared a night in an advance post with some of France's most brilliant troops. It was the kind of night about which the communiques say "Nothing of Importance."

Yet these troops had stood guard all night, eyes and ears and trigger fingers alert. For weeks they had repulsed every attempt of the Germans to penetrate the French lines. Now they were due for a rest.

I marched down the mountain slopes with them in the morning. We saw a German run for cover as we descended. And though the troops raced after him, the undergrowth was so thick that the man could have hidden there for weeks without discovery.

So on we went, with the escort deploying fanwise in front and at the rear, just to make sure there would be no funny business from an enemy patrol.

### General Shook Hands

When we got down from the mountains, who did we see but a famous French General.

He had come a long way just to say "Hello" and to congratulate the tired troops—there were not more than twenty of them—who had kept French territory sacred from the Nazi boots.

It was grand to see the ease and friendliness between the General and the humblest private. After all, each one of them was an equal, for each one was a Frenchman.

He shook hands with every one of them, and you could see they loved him despite all the silver stars that were on his sleeve.

As I rode back to headquarters with the General I told him that he had seemed just like a father among his family.

### Three Farthings

He smiled: "I am never happier than when I can be close to my boys," he said. "Every day I get up early so that I can be among them when they start their tasks."

"After that it is not strange. They are my family. I have four sons serving France—three are officers and one is a non-commissioned officer. They're all as you say, 'Somewhere in France.' Just like these boys."

I offered the General a cigarette. They were American cigarettes and expensive, but the General declined. "No," he said. "Have one of mine. I always smoke these. I like them best."

And he offered me a crumpled cigarette packet. They were the cigarettes the private smoked. They cost three farthings a packet.

## BATTLE FLEET FOR D.E.I.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday. BY 1940 Holland's Indian empire will be defended by a battle fleet totalling some 150,000 tons of modern warships.

This pointed statement designed to back the declaration made by the Dutch Minister in Tokyo that Holland does not intend that anyone else shall protect her East Indian possessions was issued by official circles in The Hague.

In addition Holland will have a number of other warships usually employed in home or West Indian waters, which in an emergency would be available in the East.

The Dutch Press adds that the naval base at Sourabaya will be improved so that it will in effect become a second Singapore.



Mme. LIVIA AUSSCHNITT

RUMANIAN STEEL king Max Ausschnitt, greatest armaments power in the Balkans, whose sentence of six years' imprisonment for fraud and infringement of currency regulations was revealed recently, is victim of the vengeance of the pro-Nazi Iron Guard—because he married the most beautiful woman in Bucharest.

The story begins six years ago when Ausschnitt, then forty-six, saw beautiful Livia Pordean and her father, vice-president of the Rumanian Senate, on the Paris-Bucharest express. Livia, twenty-two years old, was on her way home from a French finishing school.

Ausschnitt introduced himself, and by the time the train reached Bucharest had fallen in love. He was already engaged to be married (according to report it was to a maharajah's daughter) but he wired breaking that romance.

The wedding of Max Ausschnitt and Livia Pordean was fixed for Boxing Day 1934; hundreds of wedding invitations were sent out.

But Ausschnitt was of Jewish origin. The Iron Guard, Jew haters, seized the opportunity of attacking him.

Porunca Vremii, the extreme nationalist newspaper, started the campaign with an editorial that said:—

"It would be a disgrace to the Rumanian nation if this marriage were allowed to take place. Do not let this red-haired, freckled bandit, this robber-baron, this highwayman be allowed to buy a Rumanian maiden with his ill-gotten gains."

### Closely Watched

Mr. J. S. Duncan, a Commonwealth official in London, declined to make any official comment, but said that there were about an equivalent number of Australian women in Germany.

He thought there was no fear that the German women who had been freed would be able to take back anything of importance to Germany, as no doubt they had been very closely watched.

## Kindly Voice In Black-Out

DARLINGTON (Durham) girls, tempted to mischief in the streets during the black-out, find a restraining hand placed on their shoulders and hear a word or two of friendly advice.

"Don't be silly. Don't lose your head. Behave, or go home. I'll walk with you if you like," says a motherly voice.

And usually the girls accept the advice. The restraining hand and voice belong to one of a squad of twenty Darlington women, mostly wives and mothers, who nightly patrol the less-frequented streets and back lanes of the town trying to keep orderliness. The police co-operate.

### To Protect Girls

Wearing white armlets, on which are the initials D.M.W. (Durham Moral Welfare), they patrol in pairs from about 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Miss M. E. Spooner, superintendent of St. Agnes Home, Darlington, who is leader of the patrols, says: "The object is to try to help and protect any girls who may be in difficulties.

The result was public demonstrations in the street in front of M. Pordean's house in Cluj whenever Max Ausschnitt visited his fiancée.

Livia Pordean disappeared from home. So did Max Ausschnitt. Iron Guard men were on the lookout for them, suspecting that the wedding would be held quietly. But Max Ausschnitt and his fiancée gave them the slip.

One afternoon in January 1935, a car stopped in front of the residence of Rumanian Catholic bishop Dr. Pacu, in Timisoara. From it stepped Livia and her fiancée, who had adopted the Ruman Catholic faith some weeks before.

### Their Wedding

In the bishop's private chapel "the robber baron" and his bride were married.

By the time the Iron Guard found out about the wedding, the newly married couple were on their way to Paris, London and the United States on a long honeymoon.

At that time the Iron Guard, a banned organisation, could not openly do harm to the Ausschnitts. They had to wait six years for their vengeance. They have now made their peace with Carol, and Max Ausschnitt has gone to imprisonment and disgrace.

We do not interfere with anyone so long as they are not misbehaving. When so many strange men are about there is a danger of young girls losing their heads. The patrols are chiefly older and married women. Some have daughters of their own. The patrols are enthusiasts in the work and have done remarkably well. —Sent by M. J. D. Darlington.

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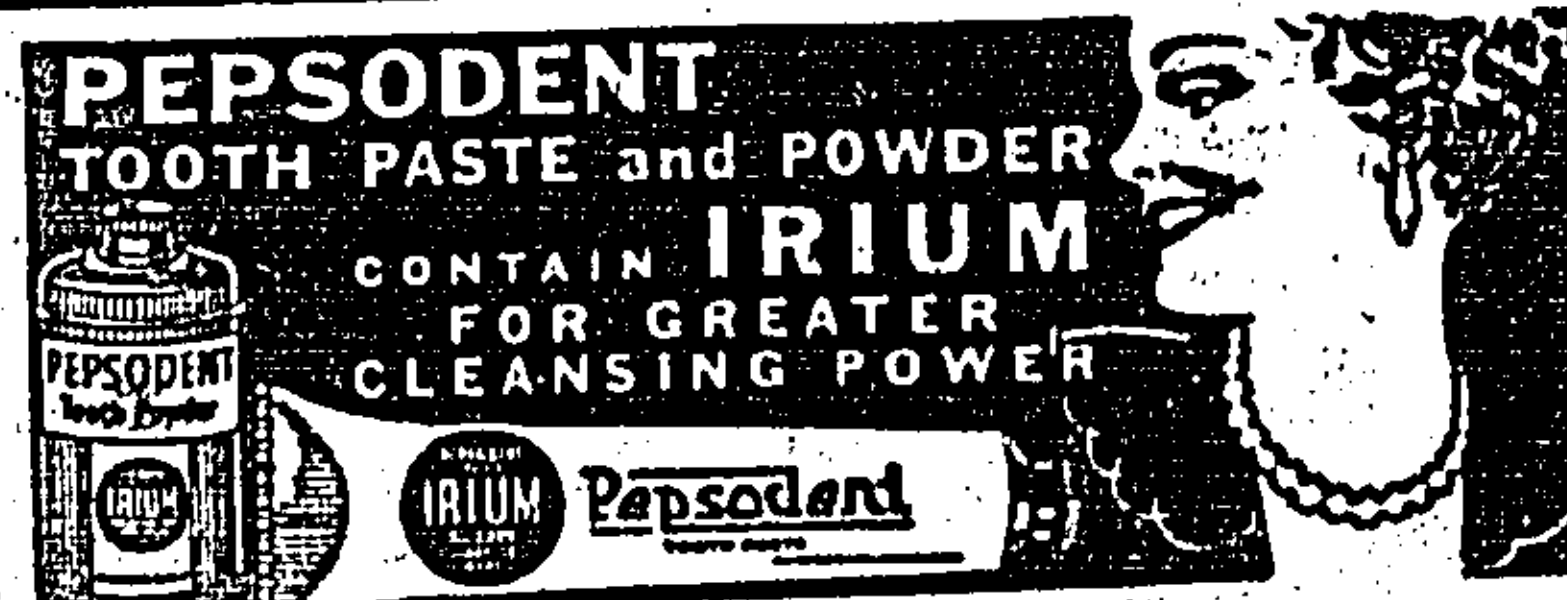
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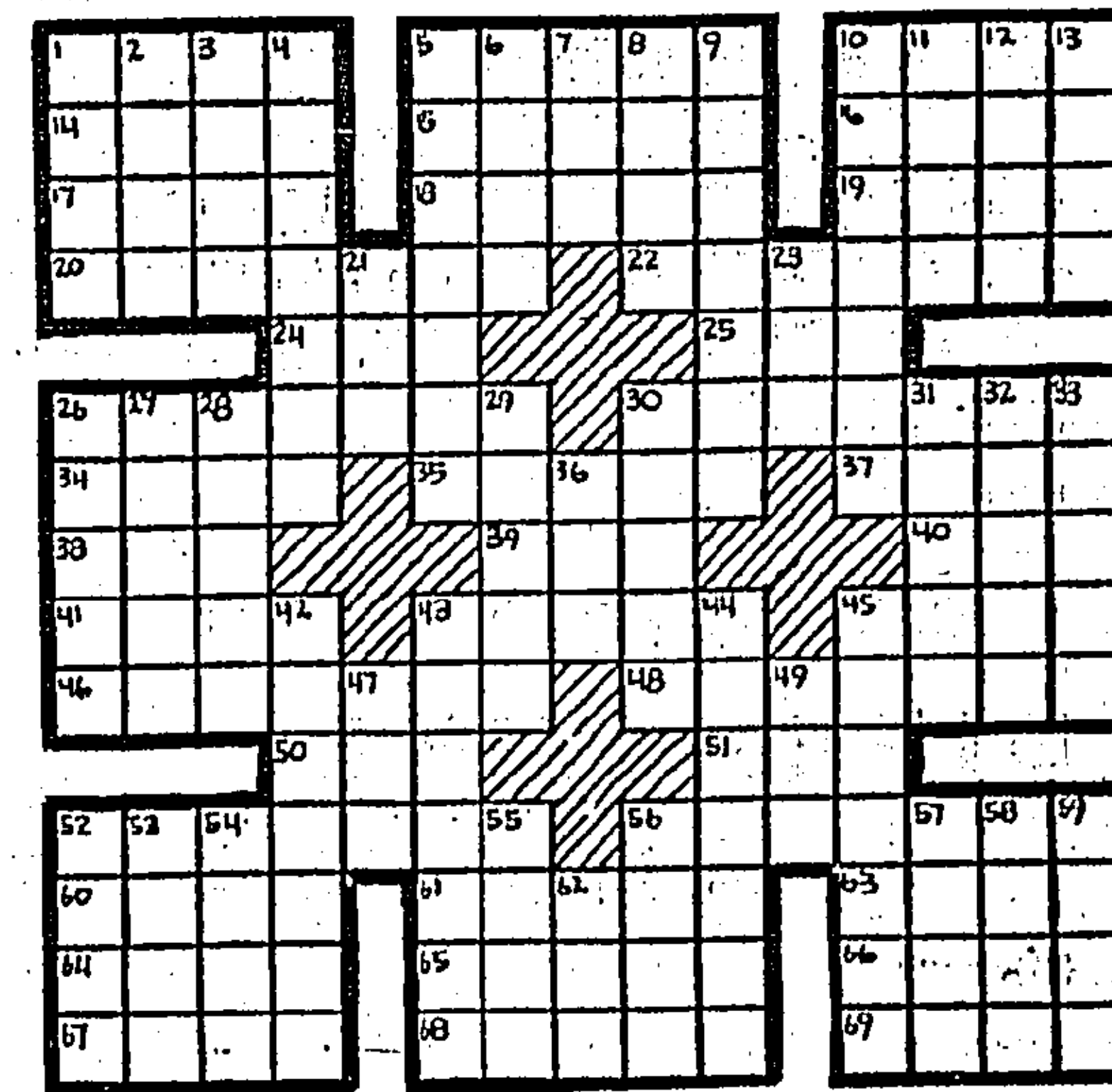
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Name material
- 2—Fishing device
- 3—Western state
- 4—Perran nobleman
- 5—Wood tool
- 6—Rubber wheel
- 7—Oriental bird
- 8—Mass food, also a trout
- 9—European time
- 10—Pattern cut to chest
- 11—Referring to national government
- 12—Metal container
- 13—Oriental bird
- 14—Came in
- 15—Characteristic
- 16—Frame of mind
- 17—Take out
- 18—Obstacle for sales of dead
- 19—Good words
- 20—Crisis (Scottish)
- 21—Continuous expression
- 22—Local
- 23—Vill word by Modern women
- 24—Cousins
- 25—Large rodent
- 26—Yield liquid
- 27—Species
- 28—Plant of pine family
- 29—Rope-maker
- 30—Crime in bath
- 31—Variety of headless cabbage

DOWN

- 1—Article in furniture
- 2—Rustic magistrate
- 3—Medieval peasant bound to land
- 4—Contrivable beforehand
- 5—Bald
- 6—Wife
- 7—Musical composition
- 8—Turns to fire
- 9—Automobile
- 10—Takes to the water
- 11—Abrasive material
- 12—Water-tight
- 13—Civil wrongs (law)
- 14—Innocent
- 15—Triangulate
- 16—Functions
- 17—New Year's Eve
- 18—Make happy
- 19—Sleep
- 20—Place of worship
- 21—Rustic writing
- 22—Rustic with extra streets
- 23—Rug
- 24—Wife brown from sun
- 25—Road
- 26—Word of mouth
- 27—Hank loosely cut
- 28—Innocent
- 29—Small key
- 30—New York canal
- 31—Test spurt
- 32—Small vegetable



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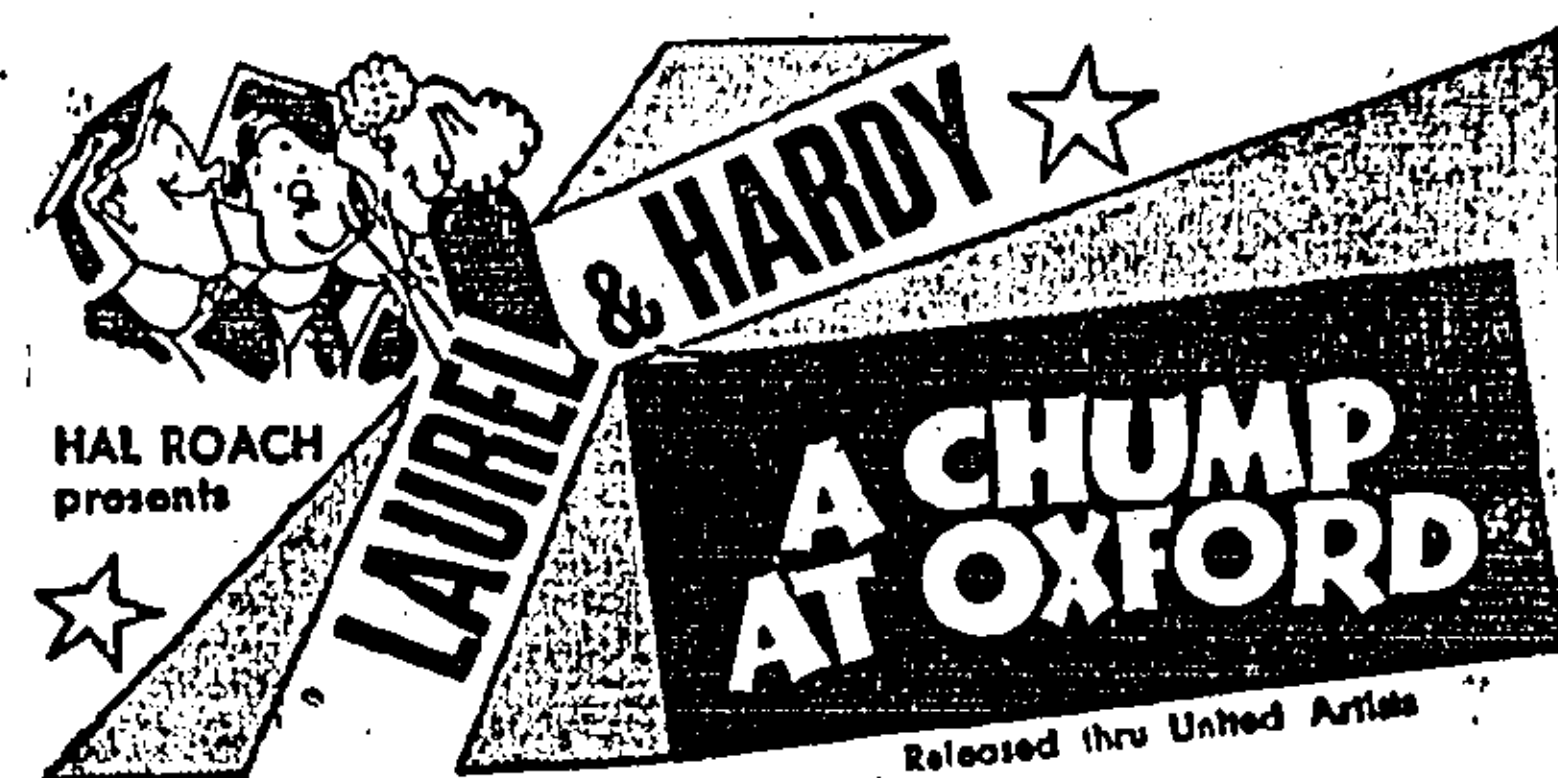
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Anyhow, on the strength of being only five feet and one quarter inch tall, he accepted the boots with profound gratitude.  
He is now known as Cinderella, with the consequence that his glibly immediate superior has a claim to the title of Ugly Slater.

## PRICE FOR HITLER

Million Dollars Going For His Arrest

Washington, May 1.  
The President of the Carnegie Institute, Mr. Samuel H. Church, on behalf of a Pittsburgh group, has offered a reward of \$1,000,000 cash to anyone able to deliver Hitler alive, unharmed and unhurt to the League of Nations for trial before a High Court of Justice for his claims against the peace and dignity of the world.

Mr. Church's offer was made in a letter to the New York Times and stands good for May only. It is emphasised that it is made in good faith.

Mr. Church said that 50 people, including some women, were sponsoring the project.  
"It is not in any sense a reward for assassination," he declared. "I believe it will catch the people's imagination. Hitler is the common enemy of mankind and should be brought to justice. He is consumed with the desire of contributing to the world for the mere pleasure of conquering the world."—United Press.

## LATE NEWS

## Father's Cry At Inquest On Baby: 'God Forgive You'

A father and a grandfather protested when a verdict of death by misadventure was returned at an inquest at Hull on Rita Watson, aged two, of Franklin-street, Hull, who died under an anaesthetic during an operation on her elbow.  
"May God forgive you. My babe is dead. It has taken all the sunshine out of our lives," said Mr. Harry Watson, the father, after a young doctor from Hull Royal Infirmary had given evidence.  
The coroner, Dr. Norman Jennings, told the father and grandfather that they had no right to criticise his verdict.

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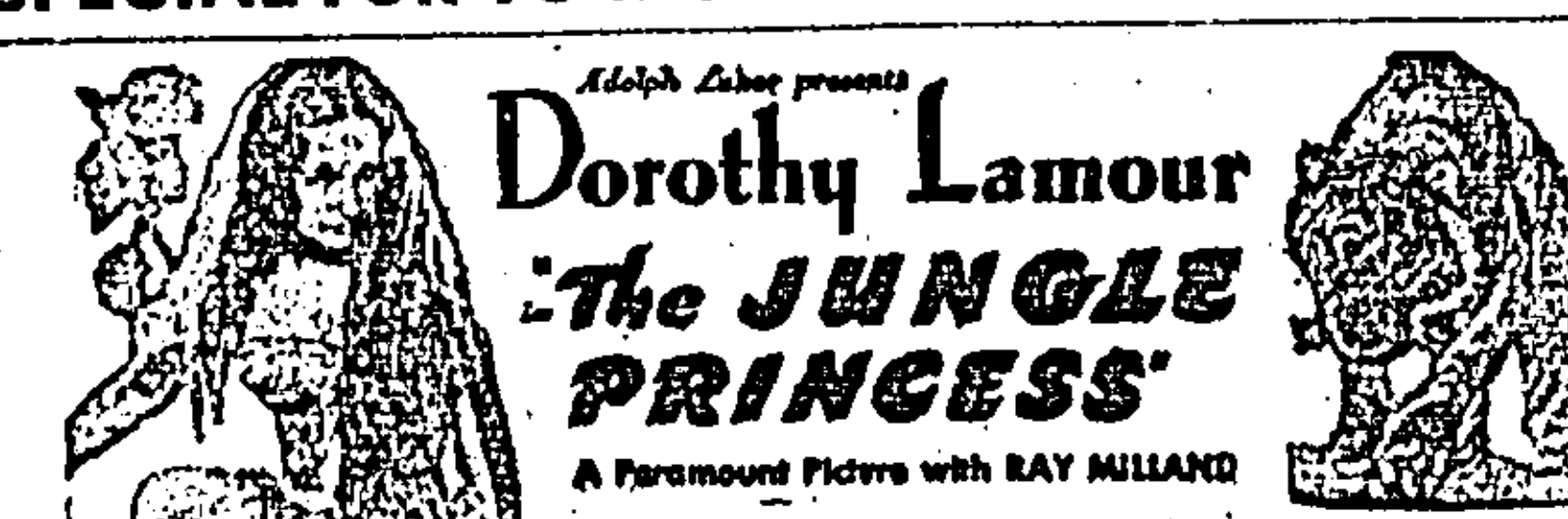
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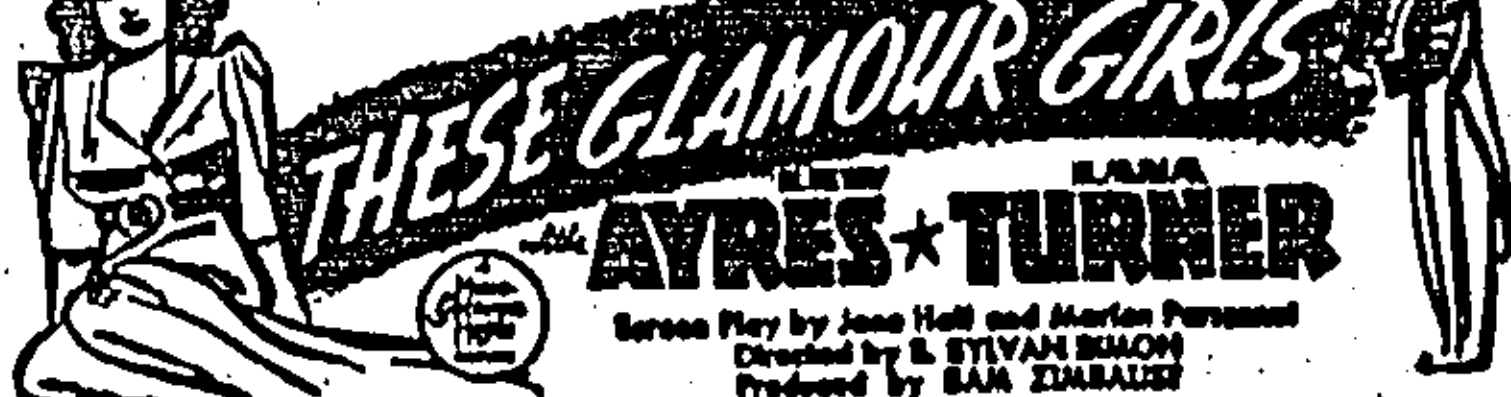
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## Mussolini Tells U.S. Ambassador No Change In Situation For Next Few Days, But—

# ITALIANS STILL PREPARE for WAR

LONDON, MAY 1 (REUTER).—NEWS FROM ITALY REGARDING HER ATTITUDE IS AMBIGUOUS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED AT TO-DAY'S CABINET MEETING.

The Italian liner Rex sailed for New York to-day on schedule and other Italian liners are departing for all parts of the world.

The Italian declared policy of preparing for war is seen in a new law which appoints a committee to control communications including telephones, telegraphs and radio telephones.

Signor Mussolini to-day received Mr. William Phillips, the United States Ambassador.

The call is reported to have been prompted by the international situation.

Nothing is known of what took place at the interview but, according to American circles, the impression may be derived that no sudden change will be made in the Italian attitude to non-belligerence within the next few days.

## British Warships Attack Another German Convoy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GOTHENBURG, May 2 (UP).—British warships, assisted by bombing planes, have launched another successful attack on a German convoy of transports en route to Oslo, according to residents on Marstrand Island.

The attack was launched at 7 o'clock last night. British planes could be seen bombing the German convoy, which was steaming northwards.

## WARPLANES BEATING WARSHIPS

U.S. Navy Minister's  
Discovery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP).—The European War is proving that aircraft now have a temporary advantage over battleships.

At least, that is the decision reached by the U.S. Naval Department.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, told the Press to-day that events in Europe involve immediate attention in the design of U.S. warships now under construction.

Heavier and more streamlined deck armour will replace that previously designed for use in the ships.

The U.S. naval manoeuvres recently held in the Pacific have disclosed, also, that the Navy must have more fueling bases in the Pacific.

In addition, fuel storage tanks at Pearl Harbour, in the Hawaiian Islands, must be placed underground as protection against air attacks.

Temporary Advantage  
WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter).—The aeroplane has a temporary advantage over the warship, said the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, on his return from the naval "war games" in the Pacific.

He added that this can be neutralised by design. There must be minor changes in the structure of existing warships and basic change of design for future warships.

Insufficient attention has been paid to the protection of men and weapons above decks. The changes advocated included the elimination of all gear likely to splinter when struck by bombs or shells.

## HOLLAND TO TAX WAR PROFITS

THE HAGUE, May 1 (Reuter).—The Premier, Jonkheer de Geer, is introducing a Bill to Parliament to tax war profits at the rate of 25 per cent. in the case of private individuals and 40 per cent. in the case of companies from January 1, 1939.

## Japan's New Overture

Non-Aggression Pacts  
For South Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, May 2 (Domel).—Japan is prepared to conclude Non-Aggression Pacts with any country in the south Pacific.

This declaration was reiterated to-day by the Foreign Office spokesman. The spokesman was commenting on reports appearing in the "Kokumin Shinbun" and the "Miyako Shinbun" that the Foreign Minister would apply Japan's "Hands Off" principle to the Netherlands East Indies, French Indo-China and India.

"These wild stories" was his comment on the reports.

## Irregular Stock Exchange

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was irregular though the under-tone was firm.

Bonds of the Mediterranean governments caused an anxiety concerning that region.

Glittered securities fluctuated narrowly.

Industrial losses appeared to outnumber the gains.

Of the commodities, shellac sellers were more willing to meet trade enquirers. Consequently there was better business at the lower prices.

Seven and eight shillings were paid. Wall Street was easy.

## INFORMATIVE MEETING

The British Charge d'Affaires, Sir Noel Charles, and Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, had a prolonged meeting to-day which was stated to have been cordial and informative.

British circles here are of the opinion that the British decision to divert ships from the Mediterranean reflects no change in British and Italian relations nor any change in the attitude in regard to question of common interest to the two countries.

ALTHOUGH FULL OF IMPLICATIONS BRITAIN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IS ONLY IMPERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD AS YET BY THE ITALIANS. IT DOUBTLESS SERVED TO BRING HOME THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE POSITION.

## ITALIANS IGNORANT

Only Italians who listen to British broadcasts are yet aware of the order diverting merchant vessels from the Mediterranean.

## ROME NOT TO BE BOMBED

Belligerent's Promise To  
The Vatican

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VATICAN CITY, May 1 (UP).—All belligerent Powers in the European conflict have given private but formal assurances to the Holy See that they will refrain from bombing Rome in the event of Italy becoming involved in the war, an authoritative source told "United Press" to-day.

It would be extremely difficult for bombers flying at high altitudes, even if their aim was fairly accurate, to avoid hitting Vatican property, which is scattered throughout the Italian capital.

It is believed, in view of this, that no belligerent is willing to risk incurring the resentment of Catholics throughout the world by bombing Rome.

## Vatican Precautions

The assurances followed the recent announcement by the Vatican that special bomb-proof shelters had been constructed for His Holiness the Pope, and that gas-masks had been distributed to the entire population of Vatican City.

The Pope's special dugout has walls of concrete nine feet thick.

Despite the assurances, Italian air defences in Rome are expected to develop.

The assurances, it is pointed out, were formally made to the Holy See and, officially, the Italian Government is unaware of them.

## Ship's Engineer Missing

Mr. Campbell, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, has reported to the Police that Mr. Cunningham Alexander William "Duff", aged 34, a ship's engineer, left the Company's hostel at Kowloon Dock on April 3 and has not been seen since then.

## ROME NOT TO BE BOMBED

The news is not yet known in certain official circles, it was not mentioned in the morning's Italian wireless bulletin, nor does it appear in the morning papers.

Italy Rebuffs Menzies  
Rome-Radio has broadcast a comment on the speech given by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, on the inauguration of the new short wave radio broadcast in Italian from Sydney.

Rome-Radio says that Italy is not neutral, and she does not intend to be pushed aside.

France Blamed  
She has claims to put forward. One of them refers to the Mediterranean.

Writing in the "Giornale D'Italia," Signor Gayda alleges that France has always refused to recognise the rights of Italy.

The rest of the Italian press continues to feature the German claims. The "Popolo D'Italia" even goes so far as to assure its readers that the Anglo-French plan in Norway is doomed.

5,000 Extra Miles To Travel  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Under instructions issued on Tuesday night on the closing of the Mediterranean to British shipping, all merchant ships sailing between Britain and the Far East must go via the Cape of Good Hope.

This means an extra 5,000 miles in the case of ships going to Bombay but only an extra 300 miles in the case of ships going to Australia.

Official circles here sincerely hope that the measure will only be of a temporary nature but realise that it is necessary at the moment in view of the Italian attitude both of responsible Ministers and the Italian press.

It may be recalled that when war broke out Italy's position was uncertain and the Admiralty ordered the Mediterranean closed.

The order was revoked soon afterwards.

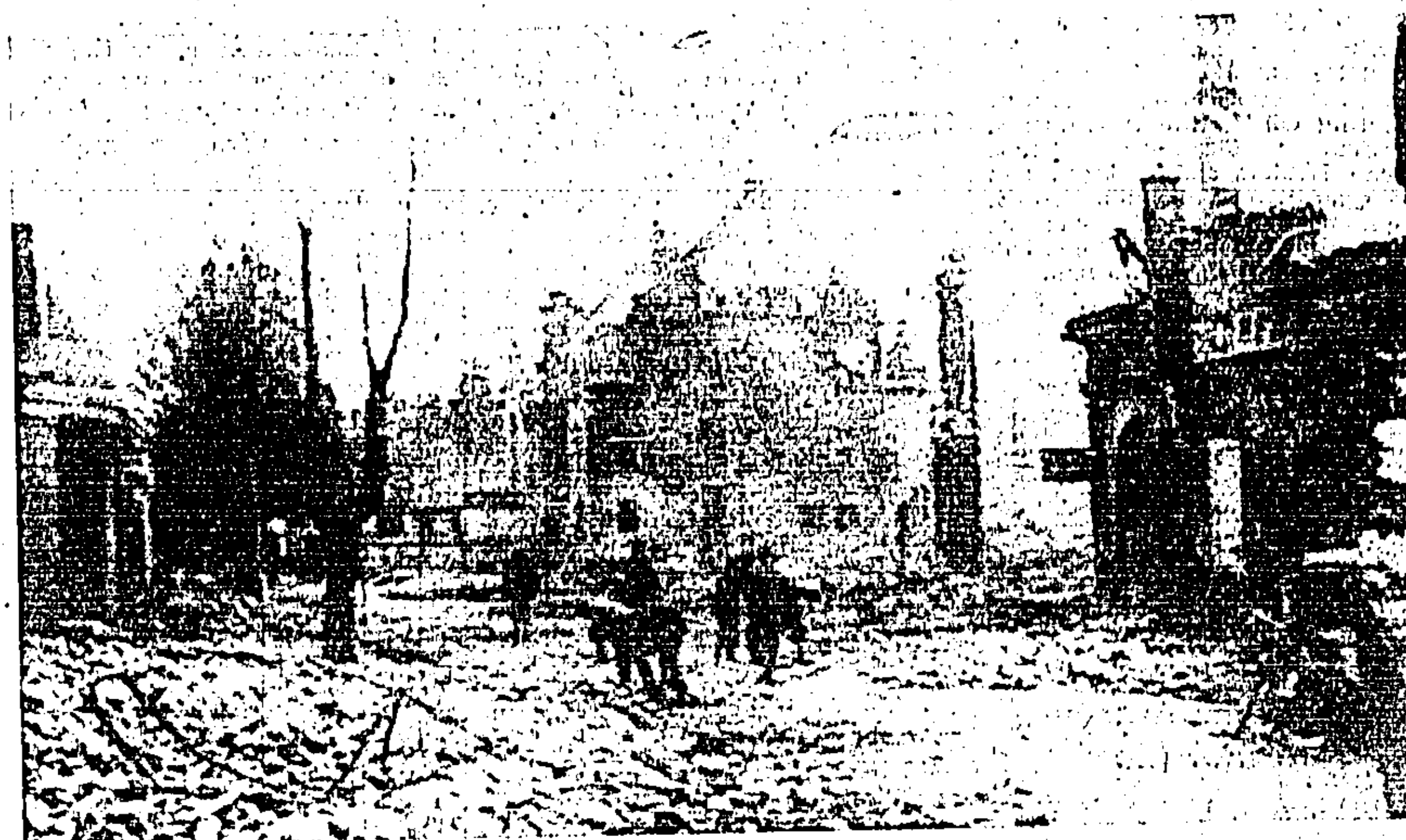
War Risk Rates Raised  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—A new advisory schedule of the London Underwriters increases the war risk insurance rates for shipping on Mediterranean and Black Sea voyages.

A few rates are quadrupled, many are doubled and others are increased in smaller proportions.

Egypt's Precautions  
CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—Owing to the uncertainty of the Mediterranean, the Egyptian Government has taken precautions.

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## WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL A KING



THIS REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH is the first to be published in Hongkong of the damage wrought in Norway by German bombers. It shows the main street of Elverum after a Nazi raid. King Haakon and the Norwegian Government removed to Elverum after the German entry into Oslo and desperate efforts were made by the Nazis to wipe out the King and his Cabinet. The effect of the raids on Elverum itself is reminiscent of the havoc wrought on French towns during days of bombardment in the last war.

## Minesweeper Dunoon Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—The Admiralty announces the sinking of the minesweeper Dunoon.

Three Officers and 24 ratings are missing. They are feared lost.

H.M.S. Dunoon was commanded by Lieut. Cmdr. H. A. Barclay. He is among the missing.

Altogether 40 survivors were picked up. Seven were sent to hospital, and four are in critical condition.

Other survivors said that the explosion was terrific. Many of the crew were flung into the air, several being killed as they fell.

The Dunoon was one of 23 mine-sweepers built under the war emergency programme in the last war. She was launched in 1917.

Her normal complement was 73.

## SHOCKING REPRISALS

Japanese Slaughter  
Around Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, May 1 (UP).—The Shanghai "Evening Post," quoting Chinese refugees, states that over 50,000 Chinese families have been rendered homeless during the past three weeks as a result of the Japanese campaign against guerrillas.

The Japanese have extended their racial operations to a 300 square mile triangle stretching from west of Shanghai to Tsingpu.

Over 10,000 people are permanently homeless, their homes having been destroyed by the Japanese.

Not A House Standing  
Not a single house has been left standing on six square miles of territory that formerly comprised Kuanyingtang.

Only a few wounded and destitute people now remain in what was once a prosperous area.

The bodies of dead people litter the streets of many wrecked towns.

It is estimated that at least 1,000 people were killed in the Kuanyingtang area.

## "NO SURRENDER" AT ICHANG, SAY CHINESE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ICHANG, May 1. (UP).—The Chinese forces will defend Ichang to the last man.

This declaration was made to-day by General Kuo Chien-chi, Commander of the famous Yangtze city's defences.

It followed reports that the Japanese, who yesterday effected a landing on the western side of Tungting Lake, intended to drive on Ichang.

General Kuo does not believe that the Japanese will attempt to strike against Ichang.

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## BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAID IN FACE OF HOT OPPOSITION

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—British forces employed in yesterday's raids on German bases in Norway were among the largest and strongest yet engaged in a single night operation.

The raiders ascertained that in the four days since the last raid on Stavanger, much of the damage previously inflicted on the landing ground had been repaired and numerous enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome and hidden in adjoining thickets.

At the beginning of the attack, enemy fighters ascended and in a series of running fights one Messerschmitt 109 was shot down into the sea.

Intense Opposition  
During a later attack, fighter opposition was intense. After dropping their bombs which burst near the aircraft buildings and started fires, two British bombers were seen to be pursued, vigorously engaged by four Messerschmitts. One of the latter burst into flames and crashed into the sea.

A British bomber came under concentrated fire and was forced down into the water.

A third Messerschmitt was shot down.

Four Nazi Planes Downed  
The third phase of the attack came soon after dark when another force of bombers started a series of raids which continued until the early hours of to-day.

Altogether it is known that four enemy machines were brought down. Among the ascertained results of the raid on Fornebu was a fire visible over 30 miles away.

Raiders Last All Day  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—It was learned in an authoritative source that the aerial bombardment of Stavanger was resumed this morning when the R.A.F. Bomber Command launched a day-long raid.

No enemy fighters were encountered.

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## BATTLING FOR AIR SUPREMACY

Daring R.A.F. Raids  
On Nazi Bases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—A great battle for aerial supremacy in Scandinavia is now being waged between the Royal Air Force and Goering's planes.

Aerial warfare is now on an unprecedented scale.

Extensive attacks are being launched by British machines on all Nazi air bases in an attempt to stop the Nazis from taking to the air in any considerable force.

Attacks continued throughout last night, and were still in progress early this morning.

Seven British Machines Lost  
An Air Ministry communique admits that seven British planes have been lost in the mass attacks.

Fighter planes are playing an increasingly important part in the operations, and the British raiders are being greeted with hot receptions not only from Messerschmitts but from augmented Nazi ground defences.

The Air Ministry has issued the following communique on yesterday's operations:

"Large concentrations of enemy operations."

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## LATEST

NOT TO GO TO  
WAR YET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 2 (UP).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is reported to have given an assurance to the British Charge d'Affaires, Sir Noel Charles, that Italy does not plan to enter the war at present.

It is authoritatively stated that a similar assurance has been given to the U.S. Ambassador by Signor Mussolini.

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Further Late News



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## Danes Ignore Offer

### So Nazis Manufacture Another Lie

LONDON, May 1 (British Wireless).—When the Danish town of Esbjerg was hit by a British bomb through an error in the early days of the war, the British Government accepted liability to pay compensation.

At the beginning of March, the Danes not yet having made a claim, the British Legation in Copenhagen reminded the Danish Government of the previous undertaking to pay full compensation.

The Danish Government made public at the time the renewal of the offer by the British Legation, but no statement of the damages suffered at Esbjerg had been received by the British Government before the Nazi invasion.

It is interesting to note that the Nazis are now implying that the British Government has withheld the compensation promised.

### BATTLING FOR AIR SURVIVANCE

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aircraft are reported to be based in Norway and Denmark.

#### Extensive Attacks

"Extensive attacks were therefore launched to-day by strong forces of the Royal Air Force bombing aircraft last night.

"The attacks were made on the aerodromes at Stavanger, Fornebu (Oslo) and Aalborg (Denmark).

"The attacks were pressed home in the face of strong opposition from anti-aircraft guns and enemy fighter planes.

"Preliminary reports indicate that heavy damage was inflicted on the aerodromes and on enemy aircraft. "Casualties were inflicted on enemy fighter planes, at least three of which are known to have been shot down.

"Seven of our aircraft were lost during these operations.

"A further attack is being carried out this morning.

**Only Slight Damage, Says DNB SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.**

BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—The official DNB agency, commenting on the R.A.F. raid on the Nazi air base at Aalborg in Denmark, claims that only slight damage was caused.

### ARTIST'S EXHIBITION

The exhibition of the paintings of Mr. Johnson Lee at St. John's Cathedral Hall, in aid of the Hongkong Anti-T.B. Association, closed yesterday evening. Mr. Lee reports that the sales were satisfactory. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of the Association, bought five oil paintings for more than \$200, while other purchasers were the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Dr. T. P. W. Mrs. Glanville and Mr. M. H. Lo.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

### G. R.

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1	No. 4275	Between Fa Yuen Street & Sai Yee Street.	N. 30. E. 70. W. 30. S. 70. E. 70. W. 30.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The "Daily Herald" states that it is considerably more than 100 years since the first German troops have been substituted for police in at least two cities of the demilitarized zone in the Rhineland.

The key note of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's two speeches, delivered here to-day, was the revivification of Germany.

He exhorted the people to follow the Government in national unity and strength for in this was the way to peace.

He spoke first to a gathering of 200,000 Nazis and later to a crowd of many hundreds of thousands at the Tempelhof Aerodrome. He referred to the inter-

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

As untanned boots are quite the rage in Europe, and our swells are rapidly following the lead of the world in this respect, it is possible that the following may prove of more or less interest.—The authorities regarding the pupils at these large public schools shall not wear the fashionable "university" boots, but boots with ordinary attire, as they do not consider them becoming or dignified habiliments.

The sentences passed upon carrying snatches is getting hotter and hotter. Late one of these during sundown got four months, then another soon followed him into H.M. Hotel for six months, and today one was sentenced with a whole house for nine months. All with well-merited ill.

Yesterday at noon a number of war junks arrived in Kowloon Bay and the mandarins in command visited the latter official quickly called out his ragged army, who soon lined up in a ragged array. At 3.30 the object of the turnout became apparent, several boats pulling off from the shore, each with a score of soldiers, guarding six dirty unshaven wretches in baskets, bound for the "lab" of which they were given the last degree, but none appeared to have been done with opium. Their queues were the "lamb" of which were written their names and crimes. The executioners' fellows, wearing white linen straw hats, their queues wound round the latter to keep them from blowing away and so on, and their swords around to be examined by the crowd, an inspection which was a most curious sight.

When salutes from the Yamen announced that the victims were ready, the mandarins, preceded by their weapons, threw away their cigarettes, and walked to the water's edge to meet them. The prisoners, who were in two lines just above the high water mark and each executioner took one line, first brandishing a priming "bang" and then a "bang" in the line of the first lightning, but the blow at the second was not so much as the first, and the crowd cut through. The man therefore fell forward on his face. The swordman passed on and the next man stepped up to the threat, the victim rolling his eyes meanwhile in a most agonized way. The victim was not even covered by the first stroke, and for fully three quarters of a minute the executioner was carving the neck all round it, the head dropping the horrible scene, were then dealt with by the second executioner. The first and second strokes were not enough, and the second required two strokes. Five minutes later the beach was deserted, the headless bodies lay there, and as they will probably be until tomorrow, if anyone cares to go over and see for himself.

Life in the "Gorgeous East" is not all beer and skittles, as no doubt most of us have long ere this discovered. But of late, the mosquito is certainly the most annoying pest.

Mosquitoes are, as a rule, take but little notice of them either their blood has lost much of its pristine sweetness, or they are so thoroughly inoculated with mosquito poison, that the stings are not so much a nuisance as they once were. These little nuisances, which are so much to be feared, and which only know why they should and indeed they do, and then poisoning us into the bargain.

Adding, of course, suffer much more than men from these little torments, as their skins are much more tender, and at night parties and social gatherings they expose more surface to attack. But it is on the feet, ankles and legs that they suffer most, to such an extent that it is the case that newcomers have frequently not been able to get on foot or shoe for days after a first attack. It was not so long ago that a thing for ladies to have made a kind of maulin bag into which to thrust their feet and the ends of their skirts when seated at table, this completely baffles the would-be marauder. This was before, however, that mosquitoes caused malaria.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mr. Winston Churchill wired his congratulations to Sir R. C. Munro Ferguson, Governor General of Australia, and Lord Liverpool, Governor General of New Zealand, on the brilliant and memorable achievements of the Australian and New Zealand troops in the Dardanelles. Sir R. C. Ferguson replied that to win the admiration of a British general is an honour which he valued highly, and that in the arduous operations with the Royal Navy, to whom the Empire owes so much.

The latest casualty list comprises the following: A. D. Adams, 2nd Lt. F. Anderson (Monmouth), D. Bell (Royal Scots), F. Beresford, V. Booth, H. M. Bowler, F. Brown, C. Clouston, J. Donkin, W. H. S. Dunlop, J. W. Ellis, H. E. English, J. Flint, F. Corvey, G. Glaister, Captain G. Green (Royal Scots), Captain A. Taylor (Royal Scots).

The French Embassy announces that a German deserter reports that Krupp's engineers have been busy for two months mounting a long-range naval gun near Dunkirk. This gun, it is believed, is the one used in the bombardment of Dunkirk, firing at a range of 21 miles. Nine shells were fired during the second and third bombardments, and it is believed that the gun was damaged by a second fire or through the activity of French aviators who were in the neighbourhood.

### 10 YEARS AGO

An aerial bombardment of Chenchow, the Kiamochun stronghold in the heart of Honan Province, this morning by four Nanking bombing planes, which dropped several bombs with disastrous effects, has caused great concern among the populace there.

Sir Henry Maybury, consulting engineer on roads and bridges, and Minister of Transport and chairman of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee, gave evidence before the House of Commons Committee considering the Charing Cross Bridge Bill.

Assuming that Charing Cross Bridge is completed by 1940, Sir Henry said, "I estimate that at the rush hours the bridge will be used by 1,000 vehicles an hour going southward and 600 vehicles an hour northward."

Transfer Scheme in 1940 would have, he estimated, at least 40 per cent. more traffic than to-day and that was one of the points the new bridge would relieve.

### 5 YEARS AGO

The "Daily Herald" states that it is considerably more than 100 years since the first German troops have been substituted for police in at least two cities of the demilitarized zone in the Rhineland.

## ITALIANS STILL PREPARE FOR WAR

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anean situation, certain defence preparations, usual under the present circumstances, were taken throughout Egypt this afternoon.

### Pointed Hint To Italy

LONDON, May 1 (Reuters).—It is understood that the British Government's precautions regarding the Mediterranean will not entail any wholesale recall or diversion of British ships.

The case of each vessel will be considered on its merits. The special needs of the ship's cargo and the political situation at the time of the proposed journey will also be borne in mind.

In the case of ships proceeding from Britain to the East and the Far East which are not carrying large amounts of cargoes for Mediterranean ports there is no doubt that substantial diversions via the Cape of Good Hope will occur.

Even if they carry a large proportion of their cargo for ports like Naples and Marseilles such goods may be trans-shipped by non-British vessels.

Regarding the political aspect of the decision, Mr. Butler's diplomatic counterparts learn in authoritative quarters that it is a pointed hint to Italy that the recent tone of her press and political speakers does not accord with the spirit of the "gentleman's agreement" between Italy and Britain.

It is considered unfortunate that this attitude should be taken by the Italian press at a time when Anglo-Italian trade talks were promising to bear fruit.

One of the specific agreements in which progress was being made would provide for the construction of shipping tonnage for Britain in Italy in exchange for coal.

### Mediterranean Ships Unaffected

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuters).—Shipping companies at Port Said and Suez are advised that British ships are being diverted via the Cape route.

British naval authorities here state that British shipping within the Mediterranean is unaffected by the Government's measures.

Until three days ago, homeward British shipping north of Aden was allowed to proceed into the Mediterranean but since then British ships in the Red Sea have been requested to sail for Britain via the Cape.

### Only Far East And Australian Ships

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—It is reliably stated that the British Admiralty's order to British ships to avoid the Mediterranean applies for the present only to transit traffic to and from the Far East and Australia.

British vessels bound only for Mediterranean ports are still being permitted to enter the inland sea.

The explanation is understood to be that some of the British merchantmen engaged on the Australian service are among the finest ships passing through the Suez Canal.

Vessels plying in the Mediterranean are of a more modest quality.

### Italian Loan Unquoted

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—The Italian 7 per cent. Loan was unquoted on the London Stock Exchange to-day.

Its previous quotation was 54.

### French Concern

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 2, (Dome).—Considerable concern is felt by the French Foreign Office regarding future relations between France and Italy, according to a Ministry spokesman.

A report from Rome states that the possibility of an Allied blockade of the Mediterranean at Gibraltar and Suez is now envisaged by Italy.

The importance attached by the Italian Government to the British action in ordering shipping to divert to the Cape route is evidenced by the publication by the government of a communique in which is given a British statement of this action.

### BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAID IN FACE OF HOT OPPOSITION

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vicious raids was plainly visible as the weather was perfect and visibility extended to 50 miles.

The aerodrome was attacked with a large number of high explosive bombs, and bursts of smoke and flame recorded a series of hits on the landing ground.

All the British aircraft returned safely to their bases.

### Duty Concessions To Soldiers

LONDON, May 1 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, in reply to a question, said that it had been arranged that members of the forces serving in Palestine will be granted the same customs and duty concessions as members of the B. E. F. in France.

He added that Dominion soldiers would be covered by the decision.

national situation only very briefly, declaring: "We say to other peoples: You need not fear that we want anything from you. We do not want war. We seek peace. However, we have never renounced our honour."

Sir Bolton Eyres-Mansell, First Lord of the Admiralty, was asked in Parliament if he could give any further information regarding the construction of submarines by the German Government. Replying he said the British Naval Attaché at Berlin was informed April 29 by the German authorities that an order to manufacture machinery, armaments, etc., for twelve 250 ton submarines was given on Christmas and an order to construct the hulls and assemble the component parts was also issued, as a result of the extensive preparations which had been made for the construction of submarines would probably be completed within six months.

## "NO SURRENDER" AT ICHANG, SAY CHINESE ICHANG, SAY CHINESE

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minimum of three divisions to push up through Hupsh.

"The Chinese guerrillas under my command keep me fully informed of the Japanese movements and so far have given no word of any large-scale Japanese land forces.

"The invaders cannot push any further up the Yangtze River, owing to the rapids, so any attempt to attack Ichang must come overland."

### Big Operations

CHUNGKING, May 2 (Reuters).—The operations involved in the Japanese push into South Shansi are believed to be on a scale seldom previously witnessed in fighting in North China.

The Japanese front is said to extend from a point in south-west Shansi, near the Shensi border, to a point in south-east Shansi approaching the border of Honan.

As Japanese forces with bases in Hukwang, Changtze and Changchun advanced southward reaching Chingchen, the Chinese right wing at Lingchuan is said to have advanced in two columns.

One column, heading north-eastward towards a Japanese base, is said to have reached Yingchen on April 28, while another Chinese column is stated to have advanced in a westward direction to Chingchen.

In South Anhwei, after Japanese forces had captured Taiping, they continued to push southward towards Linyangcheng.

Chinese forces are now said to be advancing in a northerly direction towards Tungling on the south bank of the Yangtze River above Wuhu.

### Fierce Fighting

CHUNGKING, May 2 (Reuters).—Heavy fighting is said to be continuing in the area to the north-east of Nanchang.

In an attack on Chingnan on April 27, Japanese artillery is reported to have fired over 1,000 shells into the small town, after which part of the Japanese forces entered the town and engaged the Chinese in street fighting.

After bloody hand-to-hand fighting for three days, the Chinese are alleged to have once more gained complete control of the town on April 29, according to Chinese field dispatches reaching here.

Heavy fighting is said to be still progressing in the vicinity of Feng-shi, where the Japanese are launching vigorous counter-attacks.

### Men's Doubles

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## MUSSOLINI POINTS TO A NEW HORIZON

by EMRYS JONES

MUSSOLINI'S recent move is on the Adriatic, and what goes for the Mediterranean goes, too, for the Adriatic, he tells his Roman citizens—and the world.

If there is any menace in this, whom does it concern?

First, Yugoslavia though some will perhaps read something else into it, for it is hinted in many capitals that Hitler, other partner in the Axis, is also ambitious some day to bathe in the warm waters of the Adriatic without stepping off German soil.

So that makes less possible the view that Hitler has told his partner to go ahead and try to snatch Dalmatia from Yugoslavia.

In Belgrade the statesmen are getting into a huddle, and no doubt these next few days will see a lot of coming and going between the diplomats of Italy and Yugoslavia.

Look at the map, Yugoslavia has everything to lose in her province of Dalmatia.

If that is threatened or lost, then Yugoslavia will lose with it any outlet to the sea, and that in today's power politics means that such economic pressure can be put on an inland State that it may have to succumb to the wishes of more powerful neighbours. Remember Hungary.

All the ports of Yugoslavia look out on to the Adriatic—Split, Susak, Dubrovnik, and Kotor.

For the Yugoslavs, any hint of trouble now in the Adriatic would be disastrous, for internally the Serbs and Croats, two of the three races making up the Kingdom, are at each other's throats more bitterly than ever.

The Croats want a wide measure of autonomy, and now they want it so badly that they have hinted that if they are not given it by the Central Government at Belgrade, well, then, they are not averse to calling in a powerful neighbour to "protect" them. Remember Czechoslovakia.

### Jealous Of Each Other

If you want to sum up Yugoslavia generally, you can say that both Serbs and Croats are united in their hatred of Germany and in their fear of Italy, but their jealousy for each other is greater than either their hatreds or fears.

So, if somebody wants to make trouble, there's plenty of dynamite lying loose in Yugoslavia. In that country, saved from Italian domination by President Wilson—more of that anon—there is a fine Army, especially of Infantrymen, but there is no political unity.

Anyhow, ever since the war, Yugoslavia has been courted by two ambitious suitors, Italy and France.

For to France she is part of the Central European alliances against Germany. For Italy she is an outlet for her goods.

These two suitors spent a lot of money on her, and she coquetted with both to the great satisfaction of neither.

If Mussolini has more definite designs in the Adriatic, then this lady of 20 years will have to make up her mind.

Now for Italy. For that country Dalmatia looks like an old wound—a war wound.

Go back to 1915 when the nations were battling for their existence. In Italy then a young man was expelled from the Socialist Party for urging his country to go to war against Austria. His name was Benito Mussolini.

In England, too, the politicians were busy trying to detach Italy from her understanding with the Central Powers; and to persuade her to fight on the side of the Allies.

### Outbid The Germans

NOW Lord Grey, British Foreign Minister, outbid the Germans and Austrians, promised the Italian, the Austrian Tyrol and the Dalmatian coast—excluding Fiume—if they would fight for the Allies. They agreed, and signed what is called the London Treaty of 1915.

Well, Italy came out on the winning side of the war, and on the losing side of the peace.

At the Paris Peace Conference her Orlando argued that because of the Italian victory (supported by British, American, and Czech divisions) at Vittorio Veneto, the port of Fiume should be added to the spoils already promised.

Then President Wilson became stubborn, as he could when he wanted to be. No, said he, Italy should have the Tyrol, the Trentino, and the Dalmatian coast only as far as Trieste.

Fiume, he said, was a Slav port, and should go to Yugoslavia, the Kingdom created out of Slavs, Serbs, and Croats.

They could not agree, so Orlando flouted the pact of the conference, packed his bags, and went back to Rome.

### Hero Of Young Italy

THE result was that Italy got less out of the peace than she expected, but there was one of her countrymen not prepared to submit to the decisions of the politicians either in Paris or Rome.

He was a little, bald, old man, poet, called Gabriele d'Annunzio, hero of young Italy, who had flown over Vienna during the war dropping manifestoes instead of bombs urging the Austrians to make peace.

He determined to be strong where the politicians were weak. So in September, 1919, he commandeered every aeroplane he could find, and with a band of men flew to Fiume.

From the port he drove out the Allied army of occupation, declared Fiume Italian. It was dramatic, but it was also comic opera.

He put his men into cloaks, put daggers in their belts, and created them with eagle feathers. He made speeches that reminded the world of old Rome, encouraged his aviators to bomb the Ministries in modern Rome with beetroots.

Ships deserted to him from the Italian Navy, war heroes crowded around him. Neither threats from Rome nor from Paris could shift him from his curious kingdom.

It was an amusing episode, but it was, in a way, the birth of Fascism.

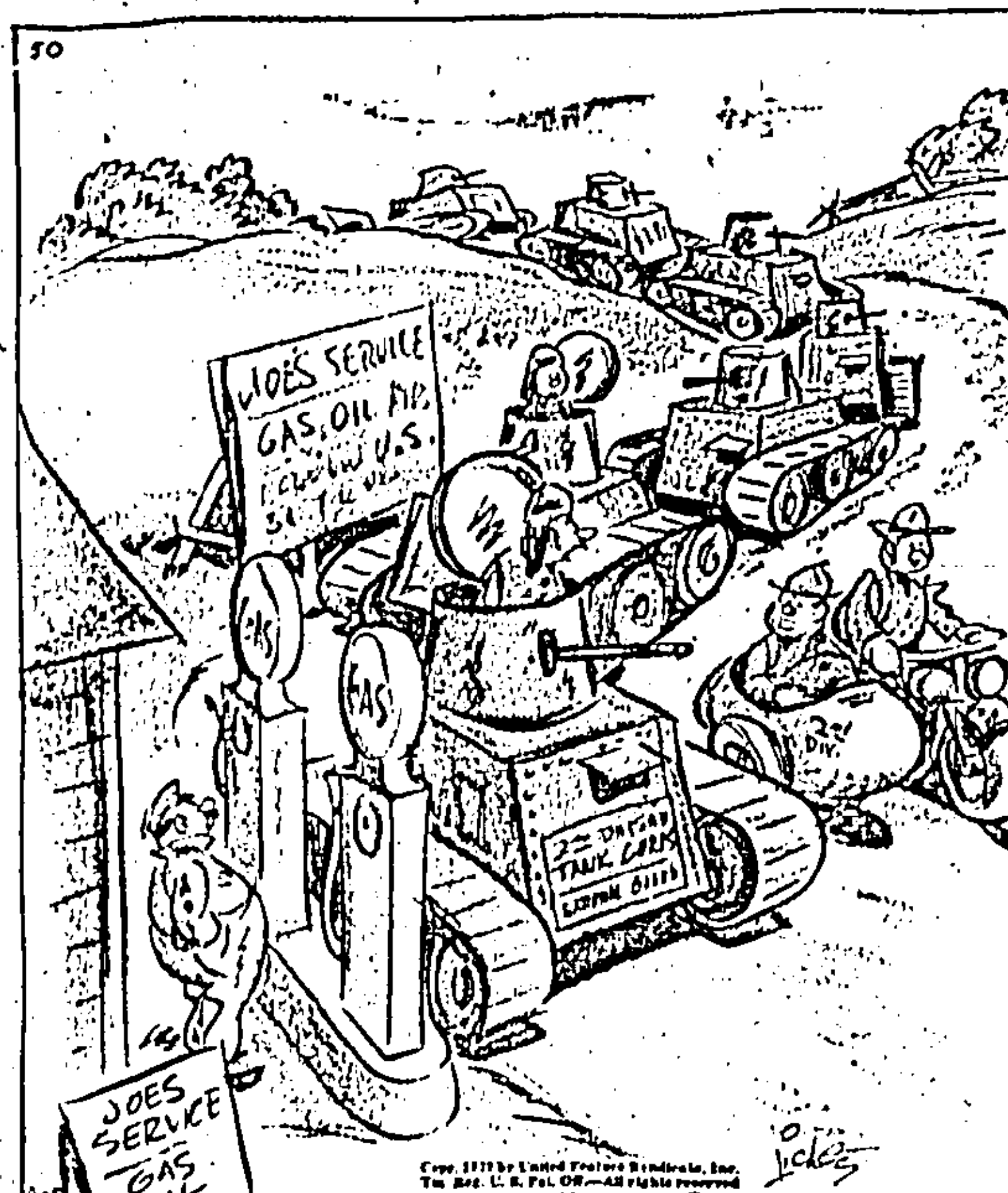
### Bombarded By Fleet

FOR three months d'Annunzio held out, until the Italian Government on Christmas Eve, when there were no newspapers to warn the public, sent the fleet to bombard Fiume, and drove him out. When Italy heard, Italy mourned.

Ever since, the Italians have looked across the Adriatic to what might have been.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The opposing force has outwitted us, Sir—they got here ahead of us and bought up all the gas!"

## There's no beating the TRUTH

A WORD that is constantly on people's tongues in these days of war is the word "Propaganda." It isn't a happy word. In fact, it's one that most of us take to be a more modern or polite version of the old-fashioned word, "Lies."

STRICTLY SPEAKING, this isn't so. Propaganda—and every country at war has to use it—can just as readily consist of truths as of untruths. An expert would tell you that any statement issued in order primarily to influence people's opinions is propaganda. Go, obviously, a statement of fact can be just as effective—or even more so than a story that is simply the product of an unscrupulous imagination.

"OR EVEN MORE SO."—Note those words.—For it is here that we find one of the biggest differences between Nazi ideas and our own.

THE NAZIS quite openly boast of their willingness to use any kind of lie that will serve their immediate purpose. Hitler himself is very frank. He is all for using lies as big as possible, for, in his own words, "The broad masses of the nation more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie." And again, "The people can be made to see even Heaven as Hell or the most wretched life as Paradise."

HE has certainly put his philosophy into practice. He told the German people that Britain caused the war of 1914. He maintained that the German army was actually winning in 1918. He evolved the idea of a super "Aryan" race. He represented Germany as the sworn enemy of Soviet Russia. He denied that he wanted Austria. Denied that he wanted any, but the Germans of Czechoslovakia. Denied in September, 1938, that he had any more territorial claims in Europe. Told Germany consistently that Britain was decadent and would never fight. That the Dominions would desert her the moment she attempted to do so.

NOW he and his lieutenant Goebbels are having a lot of explaining to do—because all this was lies. Lies told in a big way, usually with mammoth parades, blaring bands and gigantic banners, so that the German people were stunned and deafened into accepting them as truth or into keeping their doubts to themselves.

FOR THE TROUBLE about telling lies is to keep them told. So the "good German" has a radio set that can't "get" a non-German station. He goes to prison for a long time or may even be beheaded if he listens to an English broadcast and tells his friends what he hears. Free speech has been unknown since the Nazis came to power.

WELL, that is a kind of propaganda for which this country has no use. Our British way is different. We rely upon the truth. We do so not only on moral grounds but because facts are stubborn things and, in the ultimate, the truth cannot be defeated.

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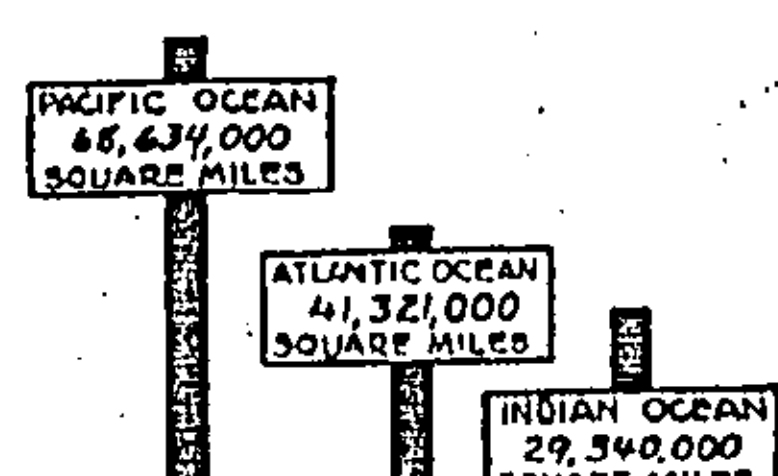
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## DID YOU EVER WONDER? Why the Pacific Ocean Is More Calm Than the Atlantic?

According to one historical account, on November 25, 1520, Magellan "entered the Great South Sea, shedding tears of joy, as Plagetta, an eyewitness, relates, when he recognised its illimitable expanse. . . . Admiring its placid surface. . . . he . . . imposed upon it the name it is forever to bear—the Pacific (Peaceful) Ocean."

The Pacific Coast of the United States does seem, on the average, to be less frequently lashed with storms than our Atlantic seaboard. However, the coasts of China and Japan do experience violent and destructive typhoons.

Whatever advantage of calmness the Pacific may have over the Atlantic is due chiefly to its great size. The area of the Pacific is greater than that of the four continents combined. The Atlantic is only about half the size of the



In the areas given above, the Arctic, Mediterranean, etc., are included in the Atlantic, and the Antarctic or Southern Ocean has been divided between the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans.

Pacific and less than a third as wide.

The winds, tides, and currents are less modified in the broad Pacific than in narrower oceans. The tidal wave, originating at the Equator, makes its way northward through the Pacific almost without being obstructed. The average tide on the west coast of America is under 10 feet and the highest only 20 feet. In the Atlantic, however, the tide in the Bay of Fundy reaches 60 feet or more, and the tide in the Bristol Channel rises 40 to 50 feet.

A potent cause of storms is the clash of great masses of warm air with other masses of cold air. The warm Gulf Stream, coming up the Atlantic Coast and crossing the ocean to Europe, heats the air above it. Storms arise when this warm air encounters cold masses of air from the Arctic.

The corresponding warm stream in the Pacific, the Japanese Current, travels northward past the coast of Japan and gives rise to storms off the coast of Alaska which, having little economic importance, pass relatively unnoticed.

The large areas of other parts of the Pacific having water of rather even temperature, keeps the air temperature relatively constant and reduces the number and violence of the storms in such regions.

## INANITY FARE



Winston Once convinced an Unbeliever That he didn't suffer from war-fever





Henderson liked Goering. "A man to whom one could always speak absolutely frankly." Before war, Goering promised to send a special wreath if Sir Neville got bombed in London.

# GOERING ACCUSES RIBBENTROP



Henderson found Goebbels "the most intelligent of all the Nazi leaders" and was "charmed both by the natural fluency of his manner of speaking and his extremely agreeable voice."

**Sir Neville Henderson**  
Instalment 10



GOERING intervened with the Fuehrer.

YESTERDAY, Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, revealed how Hitler cheated Chamberlain at their meeting at Godesberg.

TO-DAY, continuing his revelations concerning the Czech-German crisis of September, 1938, he tells of Sir Horace Wilson's mission; of a procession which changed the Fuehrer's mind; of a quarrel between Goering and Ribbentrop; and of Italy's eleventh-hour intervention.

ON Monday, September 26, the Prime Minister sent Sir Horace Wilson to Berlin with a personal letter to Hitler.

In this, after stating that the German proposals, as they stood, had been rejected by the Czech Government, he again urged the Chancellor, since the difference was one of form and not of principle, to agree to negotiate rather than to resort to force.

He suggested a direct meeting between Germans and Czechs with a British representative as intermediary.

Sir H. Wilson, accompanied by Kirkpatrick and myself, saw the Chancellor at 5 that afternoon. This interview also was stormy and unsatisfactory.

Herr Hitler could only with difficulty be persuaded to listen to the Prime Minister's letter. At one point he shouted: "It is no use talking any more," and he moved to the door as if to leave the room.

Eventually he returned, and the conversation was resumed, but it was impossible to reach any satisfactory conclusion.

On the same evening he made a speech in the Sportpalast. It contained a savage attack on Benes personally, and in it he finally burnt his boats by declaring that, if the Czech Government themselves had not ceded all the Sudeten lands by October 1, Germany would occupy them by that date, with himself as the first soldier of the Reich.

At the same time he made an appeal for British neutrality by friendly references to Mr. Chamberlain's efforts for peace.

## Chamberlain's warning

Sir Horace Wilson spent that night in the Embassy, and in the course of it received instructions to deliver yet another personal message.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain, while acknowledging the references to himself in Hitler's speech, guaranteed, if Germany refrained from force, to see that the Czech undertakings, already given, would be carried out.

Sir H. Wilson accordingly saw Hitler for the second time at 12.15 on the morning of September 27. He asked the Chancellor if, in the light of the Prime Minister's statement, he could take any message back to London.

Hitler replied that the Czechoslovak Government had only two courses: acceptance of the German memorandum; or rejection.

In the course of this conversation, Hitler shouted, angrily on two or three occasions: "Ich werde die Tschechen zerhacken," which Herr Schmidt, the interpreter, faithfully translated as: "I will smash-sh-sh the Czechs!"

He showed by his demeanour that he was longing to chastise the Czechs for their insolence; bombs must fall on Prague; the Czech army must be put to rout;

Dr. Benes must be forced to ignominious flight.

When it was clear that Hitler's determination to go to war was quite inflexible, Sir H. Wilson said that he was charged by the Prime Minister to give him a message to the following effect:

"If, in pursuit of her Treaty obligations, France became actively engaged in hostilities against Germany, the United Kingdom would feel obliged to support her."

Hitler's answer was that he could only take note of this communication. It meant, he said, that if France elected to attack Germany, England felt obliged to attack Germany also.

Sir H. Wilson attempted to restate this interpretation of his statement, but Hitler declined to be convinced.

## Hitler gets a lesson

"If France and England strike," he shouted, "let them do so. It is a matter of complete indifference to me. I am prepared for every eventuality. I can only take note of the position. It is Tuesday today, and by next Monday we shall all be at war."

On this depressing note the interview ended.

Sir Horace flew back to London early the same afternoon. Nevertheless, his effect, and I was officious, informed that night by the State Secretary that Hitler had addressed, through the German Embassy in London, an immediate and important personal letter to the Prime Minister.

In this he attempted to justify his attitude, and begged Mr. Chamberlain to continue to use his good offices.

Therein he gave the Prime Minister the definite assurance which he was so cynically to disregard six months later, to the effect that, once the Sudeten Germans were incorporated in the Reich, he would cease to be interested in the Czechs and would do nothing to infringe their independence.

A chance episode had, as it happens, produced a salutary revolution in Hitler's mind.

In the afternoon of that Tuesday, a mechanised division had rumbled through the streets of Berlin and up the Wilhelmstrasse past the Chancellor's window and these of the Embassy.

For three hours Hitler stood at his window and watched it pass. The Germans love military display, but not a single individual in the streets applauded its passage.

The picture which it represented was almost that of a hostile army passing through a conquered city.

Hitler was deeply impressed. At that moment, he realised for the first time that the cheers of his sycophants were far from representing the true spirit and feelings of the German people.

These extracts are taken from the book by Sir Neville Henderson entitled "Failure of a Mission," published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.

Late in the afternoon of September 27 I had been advised by the Foreign Office by telephone that instructions were on their way to me for yet another communication to the Chancellor.

I accordingly made arrangements to meet the State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at 11 that night, and handed to him a note for immediate translation and submission to Hitler.

It contained proposals, agreed to by the French Government and transmitted to Prague, pressing Sudeten territories on the basis of the immediate transfer of the Czech Government to agree to a timetable guaranteed by His Majesty's Government.

## How war was postponed

The first arena were to be handed over on October 1, and the creation of an international boundary commission for the settlement of details was also suggested.

The proposals went far to meet Hitler's demands, and in the end they constituted the main basis of the final settlement at Munich.

With faint hope, I retired to bed on the Tuesday night, realising that, if nothing new intervened, the announced general mobilisation of the German army would take place the following day at 2 p.m.

Since the army was already concentrated—and mobilised, in effect this meant the beginning of the march into Czechoslovakia.

I was aroused at 7 the next morning (Wednesday) by M. Francois-Poncet, the French Ambassador, who informed me by telephone that his instructions to make a similar communication to mine had reached him at 4 a.m.

Three hours later, at 10 a.m., he rang me up again to say that he feared the worst, since he had had no answer to his request for an audience and probably would not now receive one.

I told him that I would come and see him at 10.30. I then asked to be put into communication with Goering by telephone, and was able to get into immediate touch with him. Fortunately the telephone was working well everywhere on that critical day.

I began to describe the proposals, but Goering cut me short. "You need not," he said, "say a word more. I am going immediately to see the Fuehrer."

I then went round to see the French Ambassador, and while we were discussing the new proposals a message came from the Reichschancellery that Hitler would see Francois-Poncet at 11.15.

Simultaneously a secretary brought round to me at the French Embassy a telegram from London, instructing me to give immediately a final personal message from the Prime Minister to Hitler himself.

Its gist was that, after reading Hitler's letter of the previous evening, Mr. Chamberlain was still convinced that Germany could obtain her essential requirements without resort to war, and that he was ready to come to Berlin at once himself in order to discuss the whole question with Hitler and with representatives of France and Italy.

Did Hitler, he concluded, wish to take the responsibility of starting a world war for the sake of a few days' delay in settling the problem?

It is worth recalling the exact sequence of events on that critical day. Goering went to see Hitler between 10.15 and 11.15 and was joined there by Neurath, who had forced his way in uninvited.

Both were in favour of a peaceful solution, by negotiation.

RIBBENTROP

was accused by

Goering of inciting to war.

At a meeting of Hitler and his advisers there had been some plain speaking, in which Goering had vehemently accused Ribbentrop of inciting to war.

Among other things, it was related that Goering shouted that he knew what war was and he did not want to go through it again.

If, however, the Fuehrer said "March," he would go himself in the first and leading aeroplane. All that he insisted upon was that Ribbentrop should be in the seat next to him.

He did say this, or something like it, but it was not in the Fuehrer's presence.

But I believe that did call Ribbentrop on that occasion a criminal fool.

Nor, of the various factors which induced Hitler to abandon his idea of a Czech war, was Goering's intervention the least important.

Then came the Poncet interview, in the middle of which, at 11.40 a.m., Hitler left the room to see the Italian Ambassador, who had arrived with a preliminary urgent appeal from Mussolini for the postponement of the so-called general mobilisation for twenty-four hours.

The Italian intervention proved the final and decisive factor for peace. It enabled Hitler to climb down without losing face.

His first remark to me when I saw him at 12.15, immediately after Poncet, was: "At the request of my great friend and ally, Mussolini, I have postponed mobilising my troops for twenty-four hours."

## Mussolini intervenes

Before actually seeing Hitler himself, I had, however, realised that the situation had taken a turn for the better. When I entered the Chancellery, there was an atmosphere of relief in the faces of the less bellicose of the crowd of Nazi soldiers and aides-de-camp who filled the hall.

One friend of mine whispered in my ear: "It is going better; only stick to it!"

I was at once ushered into Hitler's Cabinet room, where I met Goering and Neurath on their way out.

I gave Hitler the Prime Minister's message, and his reply was that he must consult again with Mussolini before giving me a definite answer.

We discussed fairly amicably the latest proposals of the French and British Governments, and the Chancellor, though a little distrustful, was not unreasonable.

My interview with him, which lasted over an hour, was also interrupted by a second visit from the Italian Ambassador, this time to say that Mussolini himself was prepared to accept the British proposals for a Four Power meeting, which had been telegraphed to Rome.

But, as a matter of fact, everything was settled before ever I

reached the Reichschancellery that morning.

Peace had been ensured when Hitler agreed at Mussolini's request at 11.40 a.m.—exactly two hours and twenty minutes before zero hour—to postpone his so-called general mobilisation.

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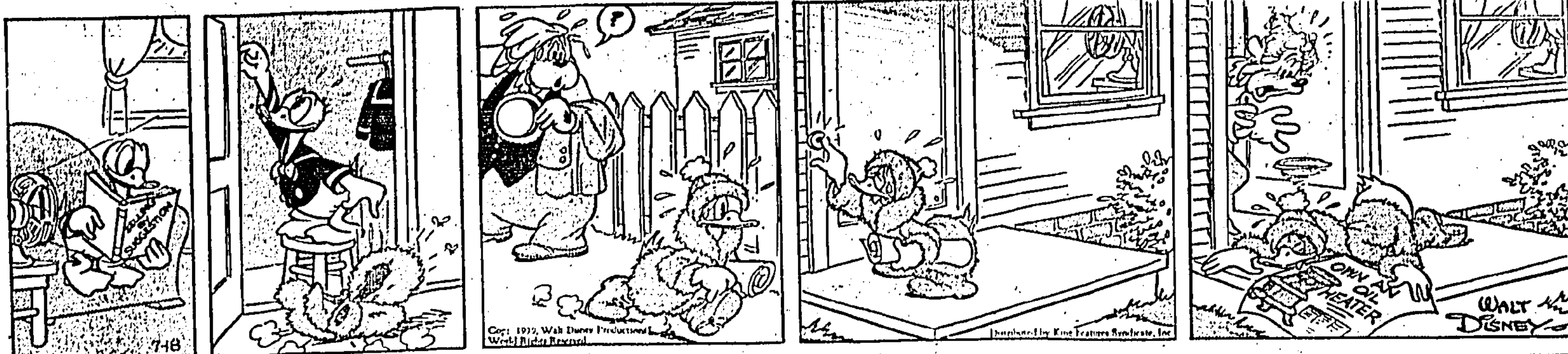
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## Defenders Seriously Hampered by Nazis Overwhelming Supremacy In The Air

### Allied Situation In South Norway Said Compromised

By WEBB MILLER

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—The whole Allied strategy in the expedition in Norway, has been gravely compromised and is now confronted with the possibility of drastic, unfavourable revision.

The position of the Allied troops in the entire region south of Trondheim has been rendered dangerously critical by the severance of the vital railway link between Dombas and Steoren.

As long as the Germans retain their crushing dominance of the air, as they have at present, there seems scant hope of preventing General Falkenhorst from strongly consolidating his tentative junction of the Trondheim garrison with the main German forces in the Oslo area.

In such an event the whole purpose of the Allied landings south of Trondheim would fall and one of the Allied pincers designed to bite off Trondheim would be broken.

The other claw from the north has been halted outside Steinkjer because the road ahead is under fire from German destroyers inside Trondheim Fjord and the Allied base at Namsos is under constant bombardment from the air.

#### Hopeful Development

The only hopeful development visible here are two fresh landings at Sunndal (north of Andalsnes and about 45 miles to the west of the Dombas-Steoren railway) and in the Nord Fjord to the south of Andalsnes.

But these freshly landed troops will be forced to proceed over mountainous country where it is very difficult to transport artillery. Clinching of the German grip on southern Norway would mean that the Allied object of preventing the linking up of the main body of German troops at Trondheim has failed for the time being.

It would also mean that the Allied scheme for quickly pinching off from the north and south and wiping the Germans out at Trondheim has failed, and the Allies themselves will be on the defensive if the Germans succeed in maintaining and strengthening their junction with Trondheim.

#### Unhappy Prospect

The prospect also arises that in the long run Hitler can utilise the Norwegian bases to the fullest extent for wide scale air and submarine offensives against Britain's mastery of the North Sea, which was the original objective of the invasion.

General Falkenhorst's next move will be an attempt to drive the Allies entirely out of the Trondheim region. If he succeeds it will give the Allied Supreme War Council the gravest problem they have yet faced.

#### The Darkest Spot

The darkest spot in the picture is the continuance, almost unhindered of German predominance of the air, which enables them repeatedly to shower hundreds of bombs on Allied landing bases and lines of communications (as witness the seven raids on Namsos yesterday, sometimes lasting two hours).

This constitutes a crucial handicap which the Allies cannot overcome until they acquire airfields where plenty of fast fighters can land and take off. In the meantime all operations are seriously jeopardised.

It is precisely to gain control of such air bases that Trondheim is such a vital objective in the Allied plan. The modern, high speed fighting planes which are necessary to combat the German bombers cannot carry enough gasoline to fly across the North Sea, light and return.

The planes which are carried on naval aircraft carriers are of the scouting type and not fast enough or heavily enough armed to tackle bombers.

So far the comparatively few Allied fighters which have been sent to Norway have been forced to use frozen lakes as their bases. This is dangerous and unsatisfactory and, anyway, the lakes will soon thaw.

#### Allies Withdraw

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An official British communiqué admits that the

## ALLIED GAINS AT NARVIK

### Nazi Troops Being Surrounded

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—According to unconfirmed reports from the Narvik area, in addition to the Allied troops which are closing in on the port, others are driving south from Tromsø rounding up Germans or driving them back into Narvik.

#### War Office Claims

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué states that the areas occupied by Allied forces at Narvik have been extended and that operations are continuing satisfactorily.

In the Namsos area, the situation at the front remains unchanged. In the Dombas area, our troops, after stubborn resistance in the face of strong enemy attacks, withdrew to prepared positions.

#### Steinkjer Position Good

NEAR STEINKJER, May 1 (Reuter).—French and Norwegian troops have had further successes against German patrols which were repulsed and lost several dead.

The Allied position here is good. Narvik's fall imminent.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
 LONDON, May 1 (UP).—Military sources indicate that the capture of Narvik is imminent.

The forecast appears to be borne out by to-day's official War Office communiqué on the fighting in northern Norway, which states:

"The Allied forces are extending their operations in the area around Narvik previously occupied by them. The operations are continuing satisfactorily."

"The situation remains unchanged at Namsos."

## INVESTMENTS TO BE REGULATED

### U.S. Senate Passes New Measure

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed a Bill authorising the President to regulate or prohibit dealings in foreign investments in the United States in war-time or other emergency.

The Senate passed the Bill on Monday. Hence it now goes to President Roosevelt for signature. The Bill seeks to meet questions regarding the legality of the President's recent action in "freezing" American credits belonging to Danish and Norwegian citizens.

The Treasury has authorised all Norwegians and Danes to make deposits in American banks, but the restrictions to withdrawals from American accounts will be continued.

Allied forces have withdrawn to prepared positions in the Dombas area. The withdrawal was effected after a stubborn resistance to the German onslaught.

Authorised Nazi sources in Berlin claim that Norwegian troops have been taken prisoner in the sector. DNB admits a heavy R.A.F. raid on Stavanger, but claims that eleven British planes were shot down.

## CHINA'S FIRST LADY RETURNS TO HER ORPHANS



THIS DELIGHTFUL photograph was taken "somewhere in China" when China's First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-shek, returned from her recent visit to Hongkong. Her first thought was of the war orphans she has adopted.

## King Finds A New Spirit Impressed On Tour Of South Lancashire

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"We have found a different spirit all over the country wherever we have been since the war. Everyone is united in the war effort," said the King to the Trade Union leader, Sir Arthur Pugh, when Their Majesties visited South Lancashire.

They inspected an aircraft factory where they saw astonishingly large numbers of planes being produced, made a ten-mile tour of the Merseyside Docks and visited a giant armament works busy making naval guns.

#### The King's Hope

The King said to Mr. Arthur McEvoy, another Trade Union leader: "We have got to see things through. I only hope that it will be a better world in every way after the war."

Thousands of stevedores and Lascars unloading ships stopped to cheer. Their Majesties as they drove by the docks escorted by Lord Derby and Sir Warren Fisher, the R.G.A. Commissioner.

The crews of warships, British and foreign merchantships lined the sides of their vessels and cheered.

## KWEIYANG AIR RAID Japanese Bombs Kill 500

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 1, (UP).—Japanese planes wiped out the heart of the business area of Kweiyang last Tuesday.

The Central Hospital was destroyed. There was a total of 500 casualties.

## Labour And The Electoral Truce

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—At a Labour Party meeting to be held on Whit Monday it is expected that some organisations will try to bring the electoral truce to an end.

A Labour Party executive made it clear yesterday in his annual report that this would be opposed.

Apart from the war issue itself there was the matter of the life and liberty of the British people.

The executive was convinced, he said, that the interests of the party demand adherence to an electoral agreement.

## Exaggerated Nazi Claims Become Laughing Stock Of The Neutrals

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, said that his attention had been called to the exaggeration of British naval losses off Norway by Germany.

The German claims, he said, were so exaggerated as to evoke sarcastic comments in neutral countries.

Special machinery existed in the Ministry of Information, he said, for dealing with enemy mis-statements. When these were not designed to elicit valuable information, immediate corrections were issued through channels which were assured of wide publicity, especially in south-east Europe.

## Premier To Speak

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In reply to a question put forward by the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee in the House of Commons to-day the Prime Minister said he hoped to be in a position to make a statement on the position in Norway to-morrow.

## 7 RAIDS ON NAMSOS British Warship Bombed Then Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NAMSOS, May 1 (UP).—A British destroyer was lost in Namsos Fjord to-day, when it was first set on fire by a bomb from a Nazi plane and then sunk by a torpedo from another British warship because the destroyer had drifted to the entrance of the fjord and threatened to block it.

Seven raids were carried out on Namsos by the Nazi air force to-day, the last one being at 7.30 this evening.

The raiders, in this final attack, concentrated on a British cruiser which had previously escaped damage.

#### Two Planes Brought Down

It has been officially announced that two German planes were shot down by British anti-aircraft batteries.

A British destroyer which had been hit and set afire during the dawn raid, drifted down the fjord where it was feared she would block the entrance to the port.

Later the destroyer was sunk by a torpedo from another British warship.

## KING AND QUEEN IN LANCASHIRE

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen to-day toured South Lancashire. Among the places they visited was an aircraft factory where they inspected planes in every stage of construction. Later they talked with Trade Union officials at Merseyside Dock. In conversation with one leader, the King said that he had noticed throughout the tour the very fine spirit everywhere.

## Foreign Exchange Mobilisation

OTTAWA, May 1 (Reuter).—Canada is now taking steps to mobilise the holdings of foreign exchange. Holders of foreign currencies must sell them to the Canadian Foreign Exchange Board within 30 days.

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## Vacillating Germany Can't Decide Who She Wants As Friend

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In discussing the political situation to-day, the Stockholm newspaper "Dag Nyheter" points out that Germany alternates between Russia and Italy.

During the first six months of the war, Russia was Germany's best friend, says the paper. But now her friend is Italy.

Both the Russo-German and Italo-German friendships largely depend on coming events.

Mussolini desires a final answer to the problem of the air force versus the navy before taking any definite decision.

#### Russia Surprised

Russia, says the paper, was as surprised by the German attack on Norway as Italy was surprised by the Russo-German pact last August. If Germany comes to dominate a large part of the Scandinavian peninsula much of Russia's gains during the last six months will be lost.

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### The Spirit of Hitler

There is much talk to-day of  
making war not on the German  
people but on Hitlerism, writes  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh in the  
"Reader's Digest."

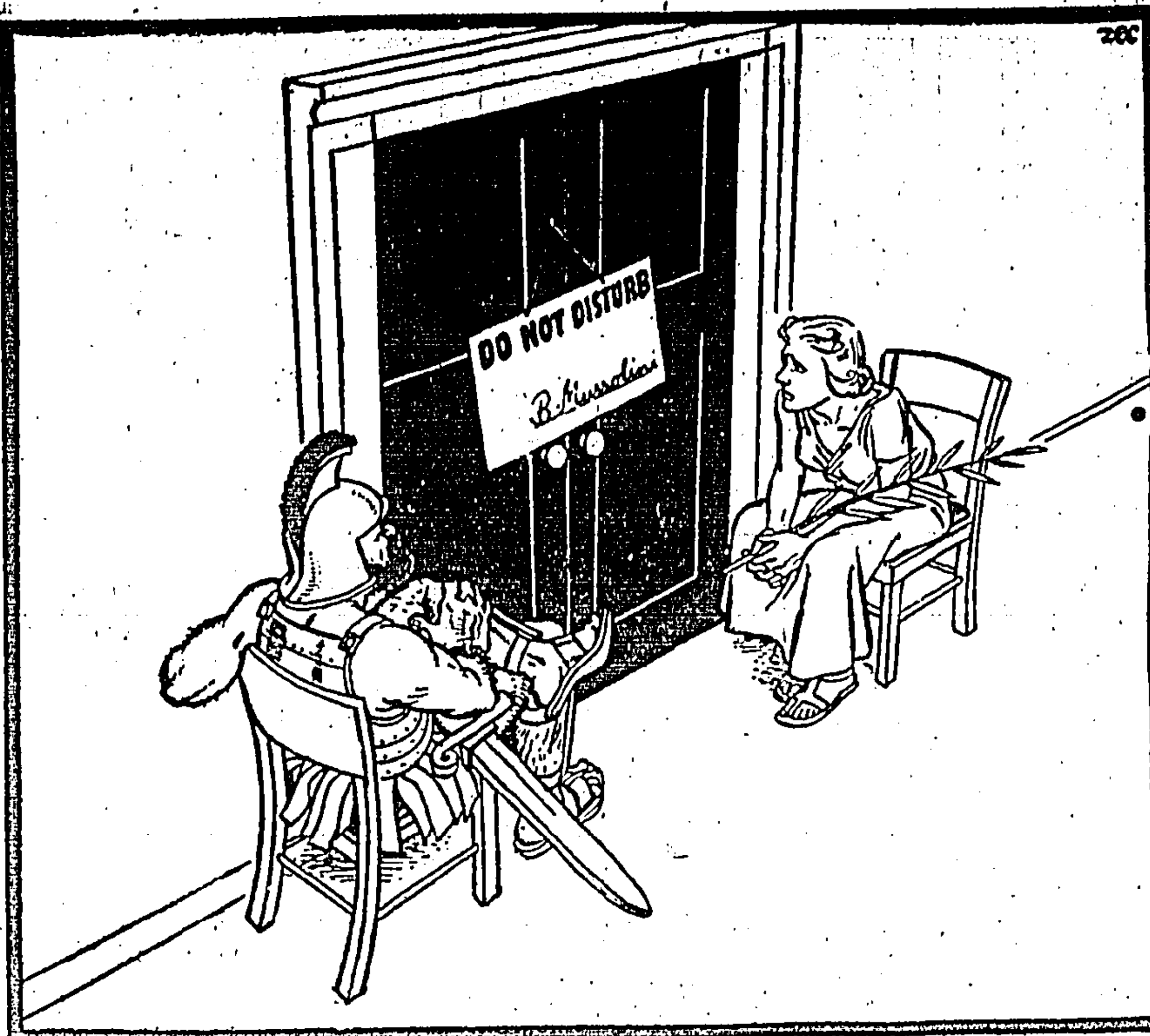
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cannot kill a spirit; you cannot  
incarcerate it. It returns like  
Hamlet's ghost. The ghost of  
Hitler will haunt an uneasy  
Europe for generations if the  
course of this war and its  
consequent peace is the same as  
that of the last war.

So much for the spirit of  
Hitler. But it should be re-  
membered that Germany has  
long been haunted by a spirit  
that was the curse of Europe,  
and it was not an embittered  
and humiliated Germany either.

It was not an embittered and  
humiliated Germany that at-  
tacked Denmark, and Austria,  
and France in a series of wars  
between 1864 and 1870, and that  
plunged the world into war  
twenty-five years ago. It was a  
Germany flushed with the lust  
for conquest; the strongest  
military power in the world.  
Those wars were planned years  
ahead and were deliberately  
provoked.

After the last war Germany  
may have felt embittered and  
humiliated. She had good rea-  
son to be so. The crime she had  
planned had miscarried, and her  
disappointment was bound to be  
bitter. But there was nothing  
of the spirit of humiliation in  
Hitler's dream of European and  
then world domination. There  
was the love of military glory,  
of greed, envy, and arrogance.



Waiting for the Call-up?

## BALKAN Bag-o'-tricks

Four men are looking  
into it anxiously to-day

THROUGH the snowstreaked V.C. and the British M.C. in the  
last war.

passages of the Balkans, the  
sleek blue coaches of the Orient  
Express have brought three  
statesmen to meet a fourth in  
Belgrade. And nearly 60,000,  
000 people are anxiously await-  
ing the results of their discus-  
sions, which begin to-day.

For 60,000,000 people inhabit  
Greece, Turkey, Rumania and  
Jugoslavia, the four countries of  
the Balkan Entente.

It is their Foreign Ministers  
who are gathered under the  
shadow of the once-glittering  
citadel which gave Jugoslavia's  
capital its name of "The White  
Fortress"—Belgrade.

And the row they have to hoe  
is none too easy a one.

Plump, neat, grey-moustached  
General John Metaxas is proba-  
bly the least worried of the four,  
considering he is Greece's dicta-  
tor as well as its Foreign Minis-  
ter.

But then few experiences can  
seem very terrible after a taste  
of Prussian Army discipline,  
and 40-odd years ago General  
John was the star pupil of the  
Berlin Officers' Academy.

Grigore Gafencu, tall, fair-  
haired newspaper owner, crack  
air pilot, is undoubtedly the  
most concerned. The demands  
put upon a Rumanian Foreign  
Minister are enough to dismay  
even one who gained Rumania's

and Greece—has been tempor-  
arily persuaded to play possum.  
That is peace-maker Sarajoglu's  
work, though Bulgaria has re-  
served all her rights to present  
her plate again after the war.

Bulgaria's standstill agree-  
ment has gone a long way to-  
wards realising dead Kemal  
Ataturk's dream of a Balkan  
bloc in defence of peace.

Still, there are three very  
fair-sized cats left. Those of  
Hungary, Germany and Russia.  
And all of them have their eyes  
fixed in the most interested  
manner on Rumania.

Russia would like to get  
back from Rumania the province  
of Bessarabia, which she lost  
after the last war; Hungary  
would like to get back the pro-  
vince of Transylvania.

Germany would like to turn  
King Carol's domains into her  
private granary, oil-field and  
timber-yard.

King Carol, conscious that  
Transylvania and Bessarabia  
contain many more Rumanians  
than minorities, is saying "no,"  
very firmly to any territorial de-  
mands. On Germany's he is  
trying to do a careful hedge.

"If that fails to satisfy Ber-  
lin, are you behind me?" is the  
question worried M. Gafencu,  
one way or the other, will be  
putting his Balkan Entente col-  
leagues.

It's a tricky question. It's a  
tricky business anyhow, keeping  
peace in the Balkans.

Ronald Matthews

## Why would anyone want to bomb Sylt?

—Because it is the hub of the most strongly  
fortified area in the world. SYLT has been  
transformed since 1935 into a naval and  
aerial stronghold where hundreds of air-  
planes are kept in underground hangars.  
Those innocent-looking farms you can see  
from the Danish island of Roem, four miles  
to the north, have 18in. concrete roofs beneath  
their tiles.

Out in the sea is HELIGOLAND, famous  
great war fortress, recently strengthened;  
AT TONNING, on the mainland, is a new  
airport; another at GELTING; SCHLES-  
WIG has become an important military  
centre. Further down the coast the islands  
of NORDERNEY, WANGEROOG and BO-  
RUM have been fortified. In the Baltic the  
fortifications stretch as far as Rugen.

The purpose of this is to protect the great  
German ports of Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel

Lubeck, Wilhelmshaven. It is unlikely they  
will be used as a base for air attacks against  
England. Better ones exist in Westphalia and  
the Rhineland. Sylt, they say, is a branch of  
the German naval air arm, "Air Section 6,"  
which has headquarters at Kiel.

Sylt is twenty-three miles long, only  
half a mile wide, and connected to the shore  
by a railway which runs along a seven-mile  
peninsula stretching towards the shore.

Sylt used to have a population of 6,000,  
now evacuated. The islands, for all their  
steel and concrete strength, are slowly dis-  
appearing. The area of the group, of which  
Sylt is the biggest, used to be 1,000 square  
miles 700 years ago. Now it is 100. But as  
the sea gnaws away the coast on one side it  
deposits sand on the other, forming fine  
beaches which attract pleasure-seekers. Sylt's  
resort, Westerland, was chosen by Goering  
for a holiday in August 1938.



## ALL BECAUSE of my AGE

By HERBERT  
ASHLEY

THE General was not  
effusive. He did  
not know that 24 years  
ago almost to the day  
I had stood in the same  
room and asked a simi-  
larly ineffectual Inter-  
view Board if I might  
join the Army. It did  
not seem like 24 years  
ago.

"The doctor has not  
put you in a very good  
class," said the Gen-  
eral. It occurred to  
me that this was not  
an encouraging open-  
ing to the impressive  
talk I had mapped out  
in my mind with the  
three members of the  
Board. Moreover, it  
was not accurate.

The "doctor"—there  
were six—put me in  
Grade II. (two) in red ink.  
It was explained by an  
N.C.O. with an eye to the  
main chance that this  
meant "service abroad but  
not in the front line." Younger men in Grade I.  
(one) in red ink offered  
wistful congratulations.

I was shocked. The ex-  
planation was that it was  
"because of my age."

I had not remembered  
my "age" until I saw that  
devastating Grade II.  
(two) in red ink. I had  
not realised I had "age." There had been times  
when I had almost fiercely  
pointed out greying hair  
about the brow to a per-  
son, hoping thereby to ob-  
tain respect and sympathy. But  
their existence had always been  
denied. The laurel due to Ex-  
perience and Suffering had been  
withheld. Now I know that I  
have "age." Time, it seems,  
marches on, but will the  
General let me march with it?

The medical examination, ap-  
parently by the entire mem-  
bership of the British Medical  
Association, was extensive and  
intimate. Eyesight good ("with  
your glasses"), teeth good  
("those you've still got"), ears  
highly developed from 17 years'  
reporting.

Another doctor examined my  
heart. Here, there, there, there;  
up, down, there, there. A long  
time over one place, I thought.  
He left the area reluctantly, but  
returned like a criminal to the  
site of his crime. It fascinated  
him.

He called another doctor;  
they listened together. The  
second obviously did not know  
why the first was so enthralled,  
and they tried to converse with  
each other in a kind of scien-  
tific dumb crambo. "H.O.B.V." asked one. "Possibly," said the  
other, "or B.C.T.D. bilingually." Then, cheerfully, "We're not go-  
ing to fall you for that."

It is, it appears, my "age."  
The General was human  
after all. "Hitler is a queer  
fellow," he said. "There may  
not be a push until next March,  
but it may be to-morrow, who  
knows? When it comes, shall  
we say for you—the Infantry, in  
France?" He added there was  
more "scope" in France.

In spite of my "age," it seems  
to me that the odds are in fa-  
vour of this country. We do not  
know when Hitler will strike;  
but he does not know that I  
am Great Britain's secret wen-  
pon.



## ACTIVITY IN BALKANS

### Italo-Nazi Threat To Yugo-Slavia Reported

BELGRADE, May 1 (Reuter).—Reports of German and Italian movements off the Yugo-Slavian border continue to come in here.

The Belgrade authorities are taking precautionary measures. Speaking on Tuesday night, the Yugo-Slavian Premier reiterated that the country was still following a policy of strict neutrality.

Trade talks with Russia, he said, were going on and economic negotiations were being conducted for the time being. The question of re-opening diplomatic relations might be broached later.

#### Rumania's Precautions

BUCHAREST, May 1 (Reuter).—Vigorous measures against the Nazi Fifth Column in Rumania are continuing.

No less than 60 foreigners in the oil districts have been taken into custody. Most of them are Germans. Police investigations are continuing, especially in the ports.

Many of the Germans in Rumania who are under suspicion have either lost a diplomatic status by being attached to the large staff at the German Legation or claim to be bona fide journalists.

Most of the 20 German journalists in Belgrade arrived after the war had started.

#### Nazi Patrols in Danube

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns that news has been received in London from reliable sources that a number of armoured German patrol vessels disguised as barges have reached the lower Danubian waters. Some of them are anchoring at Ruschuk.

This step is regarded in London as a characteristic German flouting of the authority of the riverine governments and the Danubian Commission.

#### Students Demonstrate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, May 1 (UP).—"Exchange Telegraph" reports from Belgrade that the police to-day fired over the heads of Yugo-Slav students holding a mass demonstration this morning.

The students were shouting "Long Live Soviet Russia!" and were dispersed after several had been arrested.

#### Rumania Threatened

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Bucharest "Semmalt" had an interesting leader to-day, maintaining that the country's neutrality to-day is threatened not only militarily but economically and by propaganda.

"The economic blockade may constitute to-day the decisive and final factor in totalitarian warfare, the great consumer of raw materials."

The Cairo "Almokatim", referring to Italy, says: "She knows that by joining Germany she will be the loser in the event of victory or defeat. This makes her hesitate to make up her mind, especially since the Allied North Sea victories have effected changes in the situation and in the naval forces in the Mediterranean."

#### Why Italy Won't Fight

The Warbird periodical, "Alsho Ala", outlines the reasons why Italy will not fight. Her fleet is bottled up in the Adriatic; Tripoli is hemmed in by the French in Algeria and Morocco and by the English and Egyptians in West Egypt; it is easy to cut off communications with her African Empire; the Italian coast is very vulnerable to a sea attack; the English and French navies are far stronger.

The Stockholm "Aften Bladet" weighs up the pros and cons of a British large-scale landing in Norway and considers that such a landing must come shortly if the Allied position in Norway is to be saved. The greatest Allied advantage is that the German fleet is not dangerous.

## Courtesy To Danish Officials

LONDON, May 1 (British Wireless).—It was stated in the House of Commons to-day by the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs that as a matter of courtesy His Majesty's Government will continue to accord diplomatic privileges to the Danish Minister in London and his staff, in spite of the fact that His Majesty's Government could no longer maintain diplomatic relations with the Danish Government since it was now under German control, and despite the expulsion from Denmark of H.M. representatives.

It was not possible, however, for His Majesty's Government to recognise the Danish Minister as having official status.

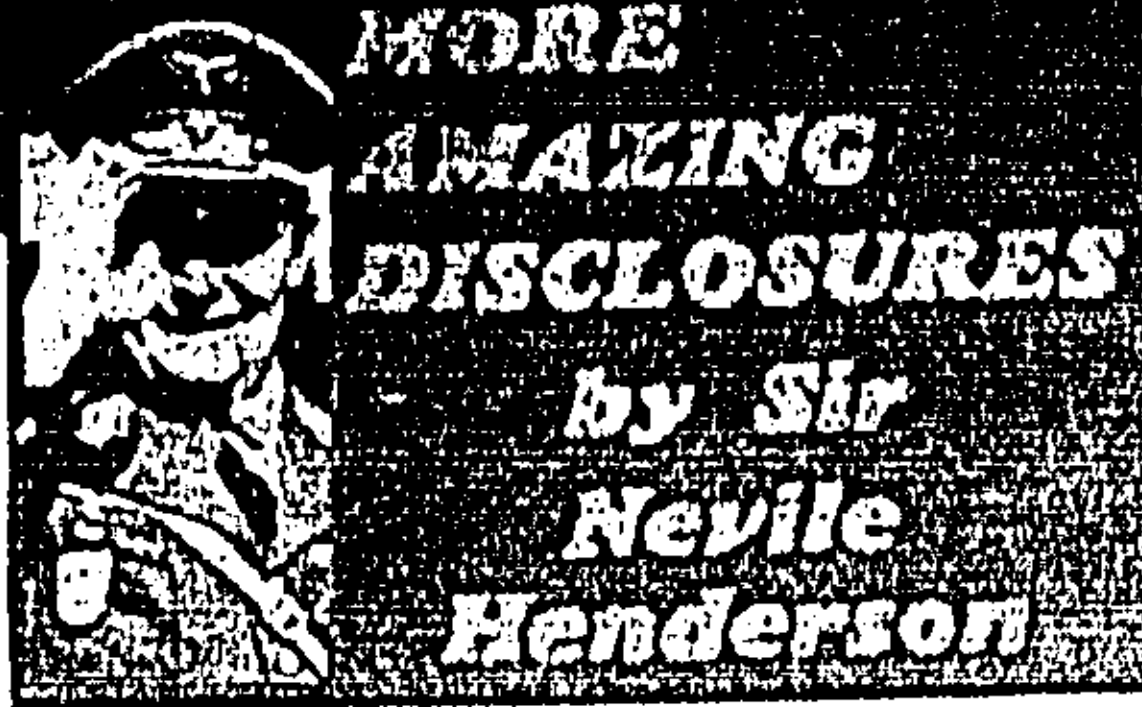
## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' PLANES AND ITALY

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 1 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that Imperial Airways seaplanes, which usually spend the night at Lake Bracciano, 40 miles outside Rome, on the flight between Alexandria and London, are ordered henceforth only to refuel there during a brief halt of one hour or so.

The night halt will be made instead at Athens or Marseilles. The order becomes effective to-day.

## GODRING ACCUSES RIBBENTROP



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### B.E.F. HOLDS THIS LINE



THE SINGLE-TRACK RAILWAY pictured above is at present one of the most important in Norway. It connects the British base at Aldness with Dombas, near where the heavy fighting for the Trondheim sector is now in progress. Along this line, which follows the course of the Ruma River, seen in background, go all the Allied reinforcements and supplies. The Nazis claim to have captured Dombas, but this claim is disputed.

## DIVISION OF OCEANS

### Nazi Paper Talks Of Ang's-U.S. Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—The relations of the United States with Japan and the future of the entire Pacific area are directly connected with the war in Europe.

This declaration was made to-day in an article in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung." The article is based on Germany's official "Handbook for War."

The United States and Britain, it alleges, have an "unwritten division of oceans—the Atlantic for Britain and the Pacific to the United States."

"This unwritten agreement must have been calculated to meet resistance from any other sea power," the article states.

#### U.S. Not Waiting

"America to-day is taking a different course to that which she would have adopted twenty years ago. She is not waiting until the end of the war in Europe to carry out her plans."

"These plans, however, are based on a premise which has not yet been proved, namely, the invincibility of the British Fleet."

"In this respect, the entire problem is linked with the European War. When the 'Handbook for War' was written, the British Fleet had not yet suffered the sharp blows which resulted from the extension of the war to Scandinavia."

"America's premise that England cannot be defeated is no longer true. A German victory would work to Japan's advantage, for it would divert America from the policy of keeping a tight rein on Japan after having taken over, silently, the protection of Australia and Singapore."

## S.M.C. SUSPENDS NEWSPAPER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, May 1 (UP).—The Shanghai Municipal Police has ordered the suspension for three weeks of the American-owned vernacular newspaper "Hwa Mei Pao."

The newspaper published an anti-Japanese article entitled "Little Hero", in which the writer said: "Hate the Japanese. I want to kill the Japanese."

The "Hwa Mei Pao" has suspended publication previously for similar incidents.

## Death Roll of '7 In Clacton Crash

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The German plane which crashed at Clacton-on-Sea on Tuesday night was a mine-laying machine.

So great was the damage caused that it is thought at least one magnetic mine exploded.

The crew of four were killed. Three civilians were killed and over 100 were injured.

After cruising around for half an hour trying to find a place to land the plane ploughed through a row of houses in the residential district.

There was a terrific explosion and a large crater marks the spot where the machine came to rest.

Two houses were completely destroyed. In the ruins the bodies of a man and a woman were found.

Many other houses were badly damaged. The wreckage is still being cleared.

#### Hotel Manager's Offer

CLACTON-ON-SEA, May 1 (Reuter).—Only a few hours before the German mine-laying plane crashed and created havoc, the manager of a hotel here told summer visitors that they would be given a one-third reduction for every day on which a bomb fell on the town.

He said yesterday that the previous night's affair was sheer bad luck. He is not withdrawing his offer.

## Experiences At Narvik

### British Sailors Tell Of Their Captivity

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Details of the captivity of British sailors in Narvik after the German invasion have been given to-day.

The news has been given out by Chief Engineer Dobson, a member of the crew of one of the five British merchant ships which were at Narvik when Germany invaded Norway.

The chief engineer is at present lying in a Swedish hospital suffering from frost-bite.

Five British ships were just coming up to the pier to load iron ore, he said, when the German destroyers entered the port.

The Nazi sailors swarmed on board.

#### Saw Naval Battle

The British men were arrested and taken to a school. The next day five British destroyers entered Narvik and a great battle ensued.

That day the British captives were moved to a safe on the water front. By this time the Germans were running short of food and the prisoners got only bread and water.

On April 13 they heard gunfire at sea. Dobson saw three destroyers sunk.

Later the Germans blew up the iron ore pier and most of the water front.

#### Ordered To Sweden

On April 23, a German army commander ordered that they should be sent to Sweden.

Two batches of men set out walking along the railway accompanied by German guards.

The cold was acute and the men were tired and frozen.

During the whole of the following 30 hours the only food they got was one cup of coffee and some dog biscuits.

At the frontier they were handed over to the Swedish authorities.

Dobson further stated that about 30 ships of various nationalities have been sent to the bottom of Narvik harbour.

Jesse Jones, of the Mersington Court, was taken prisoner with 30 others when the Germans entered the port.

He says that they were lined up on the deck of a prison ship and had their photographs taken.

They were released, next morning presumably because by that time the Germans had found themselves "too busy" looking after themselves to bother about anyone else.

## MR. EDEN'S WARNING

### Must Not Bolittle The Enemy

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In discussing the war to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that we shall have had as well as good before the struggle was closed in final victory.

"It is at all times wrong in war to bolittle the enemy you are up against," he said. "No scruple is ever going to hamper the Nazi leaders in Germany in the use of their war machine."

Referring to the fact that Ribbentrop had assured the world that Britain and Norway had plotted an act of war, Mr. Eden said: "So fantastic a fairy tale would obtain credence from no one who has knowledge of the facts or of Norwegian life and policy."

#### Ribbentrop Dubbed

"All Norwegian history and tradition dub Ribbentrop as a liar."

"Only the unhappy German people will believe this Nazi distortion of truth."

"There can be no peace for anyone until the whole Norwegian people again, enjoy their freedom under their own King and in their own land."

Emphasising that the Allies have superior resources, Mr. Eden said: "It is not enough to be content with the existence of those resources and to repeat that time is on our side."

"Time has to be harnessed. We will have to marshal our resources rapidly and vigorously."

"Nothing less than the greatest effort of which the British people are capable is enough to secure victory."

## Day Of Sorrow And Hope

### Labour Manifesto On May Day

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—If May Day this year is a day of sorrow for those democratic movements which have fallen by the way, it is also a day of hope, states a manifesto issued by the British National Council of Labour.

Britain, France, Scandinavia and the Dominions are standing shoulder to shoulder, determined to end aggression and make it possible for freedom to survive. They are resolved to wage this battle until triumph is assured.

The British Labour movement is already playing its part in the national effort for victory.

#### Unobserved in Reich

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler did not make a speech on May Day. There were also none of the usual processions and meetings.

Shutters on shops and the fact that no newspapers were about were the only signs of holiday.

German workers continued working all day, but Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Leader tried to cheer them by assuring them that they are the true rulers of Germany under the Nazi regime.

#### Frenchmen Work On

PARIS, May 1 (Reuter).—In accordance with a decision of the French Trade Unions Council, French workers continued working on May Day.

#### Hess's New Boast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—"Our building slips are full of submarines and everything necessary for waging war is constantly being produced," declared Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess during a May Day speech at the Krupp works at Essen to-day.

## French Liner Sails From New York

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—The French liner, Ile de France, sailed this evening. Her destination is unknown.

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## COMMENCING TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S THEATRE





# TSUI WAI-PUI DEFEATED IN FIVE-SET SINGLES FINAL

## SIRDAR RUMJAHN WINS 1940 CHAMPIONSHIP

### Thrilling Climax To A Dismal Start

(By "Tinker")

IN THE LAST MINUTES of the fading light at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, the closing stages of the most thrilling drama of local sport within the past several years was being enacted. S. A. Rumjahn defeated the hitherto unbeatable Tsui Wai-pui in five great sets for the tennis Singles Championship of the Colony.

The scores were 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Tsui, it must be admitted, had never had a more unfortunate day on the court. His game was completely off, but this in no way detracted from Rumjahn's performance which was alternately steady and brilliant throughout.

The first three sets were productive of the most dismal tennis of any final ever played in the Tournament. Rumjahn, in these sets, never rose to any great heights, while Tsui was sadly off form. When he struggled to win the first set at 8-6, none was really conscious of the fact that the former champion was not himself.

Tsui Yun-pui in the first semi-final created a sensation by forcing his brother, for the first time, to play defensive tennis—Rumjahn, yesterday, caused even greater surprise when he forced the ex-champion to resort to literal pat-ball tennis.

This was in the final set when Rumjahn was leading 3-1 and 40-love. But his tactics repaid him for Tsui eventually won that game.

Never before was there so much tension during a match. Spectators were little short of demonstrative. At 5-2 in the final set, and on his own service, Rumjahn had two set points, but lost the game! Deuce was called three times. At 5-3 he had another three set points and deuce was called three times before Tsui went down.

#### INCIDENTS

THERE is no doubting Tsui's qualities as a fighter. He fought for everything as gamely as his wayward control would allow. He seemed particularly unfortunate in incidents that would have thrown

#### Eight Times In The Final

S. A. Rumjahn has been eight times in the final of the Colony Open Singles Championship, and has won on five occasions. His record is:

- 1927—champion
- 1928—runner-up
- 1929—runner-up
- 1932—champion
- 1933—champion
- 1935—champion
- 1937—runner-up
- 1940—champion

any other in his position right out of stride. When he resorted to pat-ball in the final set, a remark from the Club balcony caused him to turn and stare in that direction. Whether Tsui misconstrued that remark or not, but I will say that his tactics were more than justified.

The second incident was when he was 4-2 down and Rumjahn hit a ball down the side-line and out, the linesman failed to see the shot and the point, given to Rumjahn, gave him the advantage, and eventually the game making the score 5-2. It must have been most upsetting.

#### NOTHING BUT PRAISE

TO Sirdar Rumjahn, who is getting on in years, and who last won the Singles Championship in 1935,



Tsui Wai-pui, hitherto unbeaten, showed amazingly poor form in the final yesterday. The concentrated look on his face reveals the care he was taking in making his shots.—Ming Yuen.

there can be nothing but praise. He is thirty-six years of age, and this is his 21st year of tournament tennis. His triumph yesterday will go down in local tennis history as one of the finest come-backs there ever was. His stone-wall defence was never more solid. His forehand was never more steady, nor (I am speaking of these later years) was his accuracy ever so much to the fore.

In the final set he produced tennis that was astonishing. He outmanoeuvred Tsui time and again. He volleyed and drove cross-court with surprising speed and accuracy, and it speaks itself for Tsui that despite this tennis, Rumjahn was hard-pressed to win.

#### FEER-STYLE

TSUI took the fourth set in a feer style than he had shown previously, and indications were that he was recovering his touch. But on his service, which has been woefully weak this year, he dropped the first game of the final set—a love game! Rumjahn took the second, after deuce had been called once, but Tsui won the third. In every game but the first, the score was at least 40-30.

Rumjahn took the fourth game to lead 3-1, and in the fifth game, on Tsui's service was leading 40-15 when Tsui started his pat-ball tactics. They paid in that he won three points in a row to make the score deuce.

In the sixth game he discarded his over-cautious tactics and Rumjahn took it on his own service after several very fine shots down the side-lines.

#### DECISIVE STAGE

THE seventh game featured the line-ball incident, with the game going to Rumjahn. It was now at the decisive stage. The fight was falling. If Tsui would win another two games there was little prospect of the match finishing in the eighth game. Rumjahn led 40-15 on his service, and amid great excitement and much applause Tsui gallantly fought his way to deuce, which was called three times before Tsui won.

The ninth, and final game started. The score crept to 15-all, at which stage Tsui served a double. He regained the point with a fine "ace" to make the score 30-all. He won the next point, and led 40-30. One more point and the match would probably have been replayed. It was not to be, however. Sirdar levelled the score with a lucky net-shot. Deuce was called twice, and then Tsui sent the ball far outside, giving Rumjahn the advantage. With another "service ace", however, deuce was reached again. Tsui's next losing shot was a very weak half-volley which went into the net. With Rumjahn having the advantage—Tsui misjudged a volley—the ball struck the frame of his racket and the match was over.

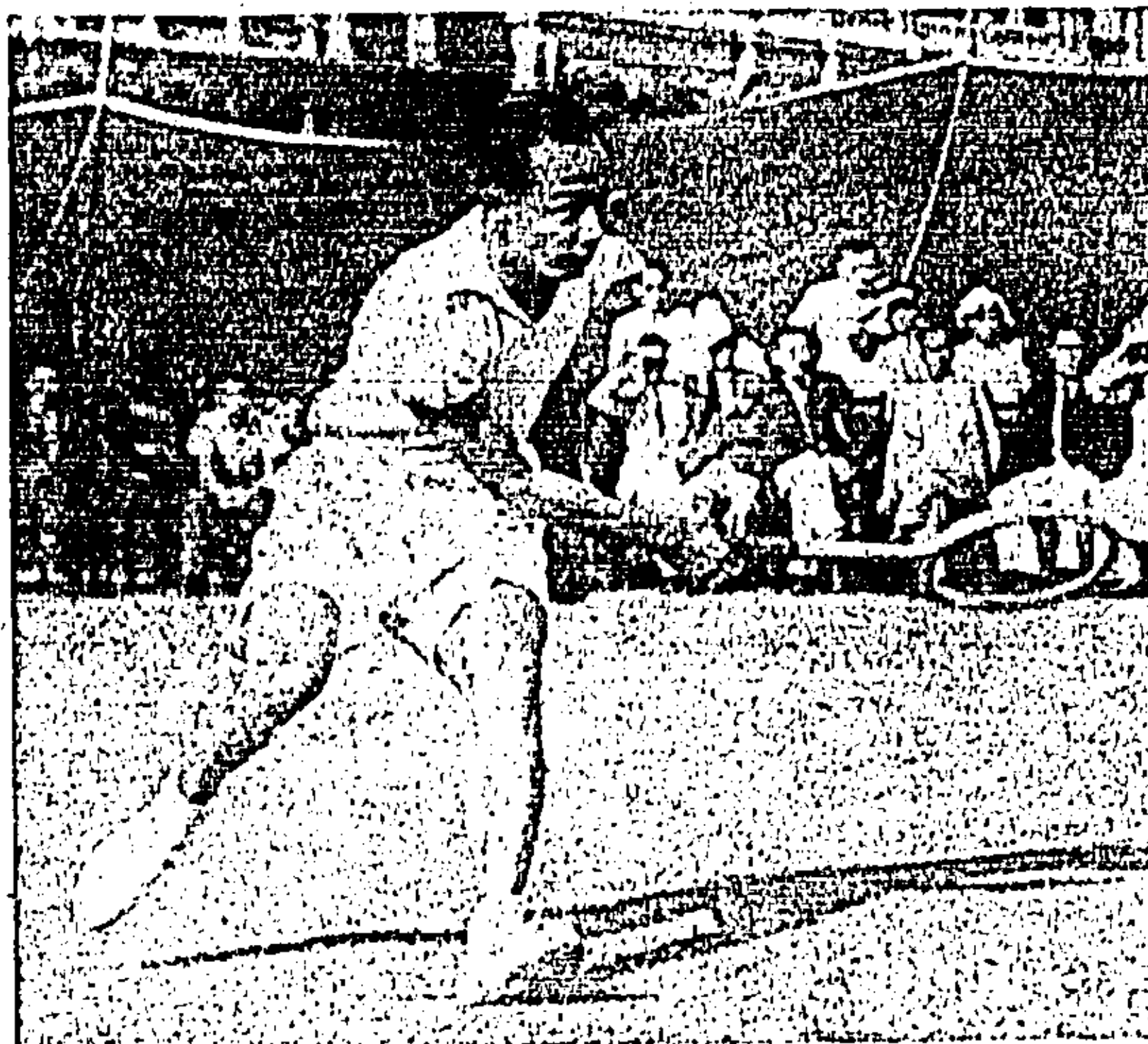
#### Golf

### G. Thomson Wins B.W.O.F. Competition

G. THOMPSON (22) won the second British War Organisation Fund competition at Fanling in March and April, with a score of five up.

Other scores were M. L. Rely (21) and J. M. Pearson (18) four up; J. Moffat (15) and C. F. Drew-Wilkinson (15) three up; W. J. E. Mackenzie (10) two up and C. M. Stark (10),

### SIRDAR CELEBRATES



In his 21st year of tournament tennis, Sirdar Rumjahn captures the Colony Open Singles title for the fifth time. He is here making a chopped cross-court shot, typical of several that gained him points in beating Tsui Wai-pui in the final yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

### WEATHER INTERFERES WITH BASEBALL

NEW YORK, May 1 (UPI).—Though all games were played in the American League today, the National League baseball schedule was seriously upset by weather. The results were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	8	0
New York	5	9	0
Chicago	4	8	0
Boston	12	13	0

(Kuhel and Kennedy homered for the Red Sox). Fox homered for Philadelphia.

Cleveland	1	7	2
Philadelphia	5	11	0
Detroit	10	10	4
Washington	7	8	0

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn	2	6	6
Cincinnati	0	8	0

The New York-St. Louis, Boston-Chicago and Philadelphia-Pittsburgh games were postponed on account of weather.

### Djebel Wins War-Time Classic

Now Hot Favourite For Derby Substitute

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The French challenger, M. Marcel Boussac's Djebel, won the first war-time racing classic in England—the Two Thousand Guineas—beating the Aga Khan's Stardust by two lengths, with the Maharajah of Kohlapur's Tanti-mieux a head behind.

Djebel, who will now be hot favourite for the Derby substitute, kept well with the leaders, dashed to the front when just below the distance, easily resisted Stardust's challenge a hundred yards from home, and won comfortably.

The mile course was covered in one minute 42.8 secs. The betting was 9/4 on Djebel (favourite), 100/9 on Stardust, and 13/2 on Tanti-mieux.

T. E. Pearce (13) (twice) and L. J. C. Loch (3) one up.

Total entries at £1 each were 248.

### Summer Singles Draw

The following is the draw for the Happy Valley first summer singles tournament, the preliminary round of which is to be completed before May 12, the first round before May 19, the second by June 2, the third by June 10, the semi-final by June 30 and the final by July 14:

Preliminary round—W. A. Stewart (9) v. G. T. May (13); G. E. Willerton (12) v. R. G. Sewell (21); H. Penn (12) v. W. V. Ahern (9); M. J. Harvey (8) v. H. H. Mundy (9); T. B. Low (11) v. A. C. C. Butfield (10); A. McKellar (9) v. W. H. Hillyer (10); A. C. L. Bowker (7) v. J. Lincker (12); F. C. Barry (9) v. A. J. MacFadyen (10); G. M. Park (6) v. S. C. Nicholson (9); E. Tuck (14) v. R. G. Sewell (21); H. Penn (12) v. F. Chubb (10); Winner of Stewart and May v. winner of Willerton v. Sewell; Winner of Harvey and Ahern v. winner of Harvey and Mundy; H. Smith (8) v. H. Thews (12); D. Humphreys (9) v. W. Reeve (15) v. L. Hunt (9); G. Greenwood (18) v. W. B. Hillyer (12); W. MacDonald (7) v. G. C. Clark (9); J. Price (9) v. N. J. Dobbington (12); B. Robertson (8) v. M. A. Cairns (21).

#### Basketball

### MANILA TOURISTS BEAT HONGKONG STARS BY LAST MINUTE GOAL

IN A VERY TIGHT GAME at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, the Chung Hwa Girl basketball team managed their fourth victory in the final game of the series played here in aid of Chinese Wounded and Refugees, when they defeated their victors of a previous match, the Hongkong Stars in a last minute goal, 15-13.

The visitors employed the same tactics that won them the game against the Chinese Federation, a five-men defence, but their speed in recovery and their stamina really won them the game.

The Stars, after an attack, seemed slow in taking their positions for defence, and their main fault was in too close marking, thus spoiling what combination they might have struck. The absence of two of their star forwards, Lau Sau-kiang and Ng Shu-ping also contributed to their disorganisation.

Hongkong opened the score through a foul goal by Suen Yuk-mui. Chung Hwa equalised and went ahead through foul goals by Victoria Tan and Alice Chen. Both sides battled to the end of the gruelling 10-minute first half at the end of which found the visitors leading one point, 7-6.

#### CONSTANT CHANGES

DIANA CHEN strove throughout the game to rally her team, but to no avail, and the constant changes of the Stars line-up proved to the visitors advantage, who kept the same line-up till the end.

The last quarter was the most exciting period of the game. The scores were tied twice before centripetal play with Alice Chen as the pivot, gave her the ball from Victoria Tan to score a difficult shot placing them in the lead.

Bad marksmanship was the order of the day, but this may be attributed to the close marking of either side.

#### CHUNG HWA

	No. of fouls	No. of Goals	Foul goals
Alice Chen	3	1	2
Victoria Tan	1	1	1
Cary Ong	1	2	2
Jessie Chan	1	1	1
Sally Wong	1	1	1
Pts.			13

#### HONGKONG STARS

	No. of fouls	No. of Goals	Foul goals
Le Shui Yee	2	1	1
Lian Chai-chun	1	1	1
Diana Chan	1	1	1
Ngan Yu-yung	1	1	1
Lam Shu-ping	1	1	1
Suen Yuk-ming	1	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1	1
Pts.			13

#### Exhibition Game

IN A CURTAIN RAISER for the Chung Hwa-Hongkong Stars game, the Sing Tao squad met the Eastern quintet in another exhibition game, and lost 27-28.

Eastern played more consistent basketball, their combination was good, and both their guards played an excellent game. Tall centre Hsu Hang of Eastern was prolific in his scoring and totalled 10 points (6 goals; 4 foul goals). Had he been given more support he might have scored more.

#### FIRST HALF DEFICIT

SING TAO'S diagonal play seemed at variance to the straight run, block-

ing of M. Dino, coach for Chung Hwa girls, and Lee Sau-ming, assistant coach. This tended to disrupt their understanding, and the first half saw them faced with a 10-9 deficit.

In the second half, Sing Tao brought in their full complement and slowly crept up, but a substantial lead and time were against them. Sun Chung-keen, centre for Sing Tao, made a gallant effort to rally his men and proved quite successful, while Lee Pui-chick put in his quota in marking Hsu Hang to make the second half exciting.

### Lawn Bowls Teams For Week-end

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. and Indian R.C. in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

#### C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.

1st team (home, 3.30 p.m.).—E. Kirmson, J. W. Denkin, L. A. Collier and F. J. Jones.  
2nd team v. K.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—A. F. Shepherd, P. D. Crawley, J. M. Purvis and A. B. Allen.

3rd team v. I.R.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall.  
4th team v. I.R.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—C. J. Walker, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange.  
Reserve team v. I.R.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—J. Gellatly, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge.

#### INDIAN R.C. RINKS

1st team v. C.S.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan and A. R. Daliph.  
2nd team v. C.S.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—A. K. Sullad, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar and A. K. Minu.  
3rd team v. C.S.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.).—J. Hoosen, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar and A. R. Minu.

### COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

THE COTTAGE CLUB Cavalcade on Saturday, will start from Sheung Shui cross-roads at 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Club House at 3.50 p.m.

Marking the departure from the Colony of a popular Dutch rider, "The Plying Dutchman Cup" will be competed for in a paper-hunt to be held in the late afternoon of Saturday, May 11. Details will be announced in the press of next week.



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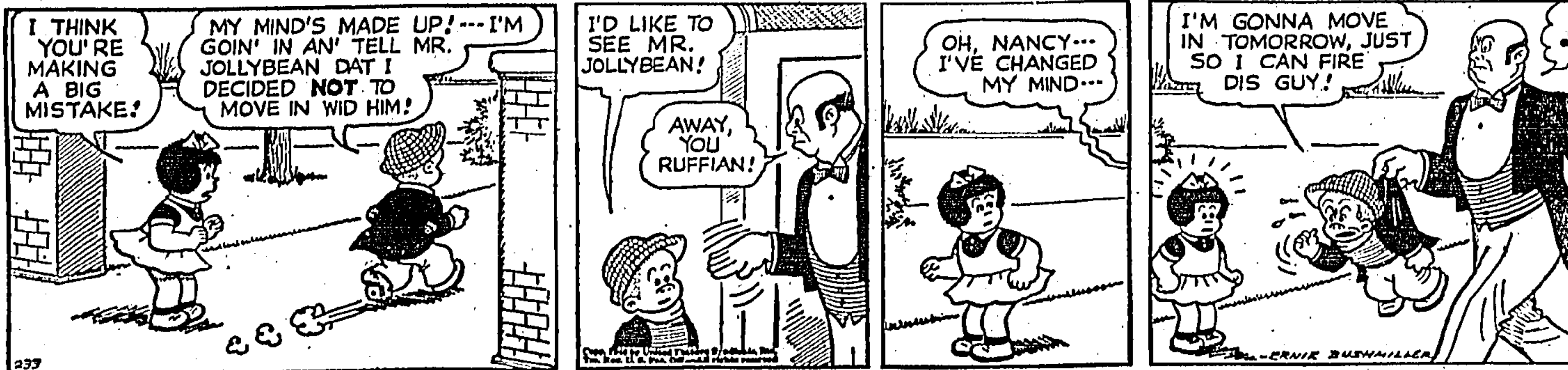
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# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## BOMBED BY NAZI RAIDERS



MOLDE, the Norwegian city south of Stavanger, which was heavily bombed by Nazi raiders this week.

## I WAS WRONG ABOUT HITLER

—UNITY MITFORD'S FATHER

LORD REDESDALE, FATHER OF UNITY MITFORD, HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT HITLER. HE SAID THAT THE WAR HAS TAUGHT HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG.

In a statement issued from his home at High Wycombe (Bucks), he said:

"My only crime, if it be a crime, so far as I know, is that I was one of many thousands in this country who thought that our best interests would be served by a friendly understanding with Germany. In this, though now proved to be wrong, I was, at any rate, in good company.

"But all that was before the days when lightships and fishing smacks were being bombed, and merchant seamen were being machine-gunned while swimming or clinging to rafts or in open boats; and there is many a man in this country who has changed his mind on this matter since the days when the Prime Minister flew to Munich."

### "Suspicion"

In his statement, he also discussed the refusal of the Government to allow him to take his daughter, Miss Unity Mitford, to his Scottish home at Inch Kenneth, Argyllshire, which is in a protected area.

"It is a decision arrived at," he said, "by those responsible for the safety of our country after due consideration, and it would be highly improper for me to question it. What I do resent, however, is the undoubted undercurrent of suspicion and resentment created by publicity to which, however inaccurate its statement may be, there is no right of reply.

### Not A Fascist

"I could not pretend that I have ever rendered this country any signal service. But I am satisfied in my own conscience that my military record is not one of which I have any reason to be ashamed, and certainly to-day my only desire is to see the earliest possible victory for the Allies.

"One other matter which I find very troubling is that I am constantly described as a 'Fascist.' I am not, never have been, and am not likely to become a Fascist."

### War Record

Lord Redesdale served in the South African War, when he was dangerously wounded, and was mentioned in despatches in the last war. Miss Unity Mitford underwent an operation at Oxford after her return from Germany early in January, and was to have gone to recuperate at the home Lord Redesdale recently bought at Inch Kenneth.

## TROOPS AT FRONT MAY HAVE GIRL

On The Radio

THE R.B.C. has decided to make the troops feel more at home when they listen-in.

Announcers presenting the Forces programmes—there will be a special team of them—are to be much more informal.

And the B.B.C. chiefs are considering appointing a woman to chat to the soldiers.

But they have not made up their minds yet.

At present Miss Elizabeth Cowell, brunette talker of television days, is the only woman announcer on the staff.

Last month it was stated that when her contract lapses it will most probably be renewed.

## THESE WOMEN ARE "PERM KNITTERS"



LATEST product of the war is the Perm Knitter.

A Perm knitter, in case you have not met one, is a woman who knits while her hair is being waved.

Women hairdressers' saloons at Lowestoft are full of them.

Instead of idly gossiping away the hours while their hair "cooks," the customers help to knit socks or scarves.

The wool is provided for them at the saloons and they carry on with garments where previous customers have left off.

Already a substantial number of comforts has been provided for Lowestoft men serving in minesweepers or drifter patrols.

"Customers have adopted the idea readily," one hairdresser said.

"In fact, in all the town, I have heard of only three women who refused to add a few stitches to a garment when invited to do so."

## Arms King Victim of Iron Guard Vengeance

# GAOLED BECAUSE HE MARRIED IN SECRET

## The General And The Cigarettes

By T. E. A. HEALY

THIS story concerns a French General and a packet of cigarettes.

I had shared a night in an advance post with some of France's most gallant troops. It was the kind of night about which the communiques say "Nothing of importance."

Yet these troops had stood guard all night, eyes and ears and trigger fingers alert. For weeks they had repulsed every attempt of the Germans to penetrate the French lines. Now they were due for a rest.

I marched down the mountain slopes with them in the morning. We saw a German run for cover as we descended. And though the troops raced after him, the undergrowth was so thick that the man could have hidden there for weeks without discovery.

So on we went, with the escort deploying fanwise in front and at the rear, just to make sure there would be no funny business from an enemy patrol.

### General Shook Hands

When we got down from the mountains, who did we see but a famous French General.

He had come a long way just to say "Hello" and to congratulate the French troops. There were not more than twenty of them—who had kept French territory sacred from the Nazi boots.

It was grand to see the ease and friendliness between the General and the humblest private. After all, each one of them was an equal, for each one was a Frenchman.

He shook hands with every one of them, and you could see they loved him despite all the silver stars that were on his sleeve.

As I rode back to headquarters with the General I told him that he had seemed just like a father among his family.

### Three Farthings

He smiled: "I am never happier than when I can be close to my boys," he said. "Every day I get up early so that I can be among them when they start their tasks."

"After all, that is not strange. They are my family. I have four sons serving France—three are officers and one is a non-commissioned officer. They're all as you say; 'Somewhere in France,' just like these boys."

I offered the General a cigarette. They were American cigarettes and expensive, but the General declined. "No," he said. "Have one of mine. I always smoke these. I like them best."

And he offered me a crumpled cigarette packet. They were the cigarettes the private smoke. They cost three farthings a packet.

## BATTLE FLEET FOR D.E.I.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday. BY 1946 Holland's Indian empire will be defended by a battle fleet totalling some 150,000 tons of modern warships.

This pointed statement designed to back the declaration made by the Dutch Minister in Tokyo that Holland does not intend that anyone else shall protect her East Indian possessions was issued by official circles in The Hague.

In addition Holland will have a number of other warships usually employed in home or West Indian waters, which in an emergency would be available in the East. The Dutch Press adds that the naval base at Sourabaya will be improved so that it will in effect become a second Singapore.



Mme. LIVIA AUSSCHNITT

RUMANIAN STEEL king Max Ausschnitt, greatest armaments power in the Balkans, whose sentence of six years' imprisonment for fraud and infringement of currency regulations was revealed recently, is victim of the vengeance of the pro-Nazi Iron Guard—because he married the most beautiful woman in Bucharest.

The story begins six years ago when Ausschnitt, then forty-six, saw beautiful Livia Pordean and her father, vice-president of the Rumanian Senate, on the Paris-Bucharest express. Livia, twenty-two years old, was on her way home from a French finishing school.

## WOMEN SPIES SET FREE

AUSTRALIA has made a gesture—to Germany, hoping—to obtain the release of Australian women who are interned in Germany.

Seven German women—including active Nazi agents—have been freed from custody in Australia and told that they can go home to Germany.

This was revealed officially recently in Melbourne, says Reuter, by Sir Henry Gulleit, Minister for External Affairs.

### Closely Watched

Mr. J. S. Duncan, a Commonwealth official in London, declined to make any official comment, but said that there were about an equivalent number of Australian women in Germany.

He thought there was no fear that the German women who had been freed would be able to take back anything of importance to Germany, as no doubt they had been very closely watched.

## Kindly Voice In Black-Out

DARLINGTON (Durham) girls, tempted to misbehave in the streets during the black-out, find a restraining hand placed on their shoulders and hear a word or two of friendly advice.

"Don't be silly. Don't lose your head. Behave, or go home. I'll walk with you if you like," says a motherly voice.

And usually the girls accept the advice.

The restraining hand and voice belong to one of a squad of twenty Darlington women, mostly wives and mothers, who nightly patrol the less-frequented streets and back lanes of the town trying to keep orderliness. The police co-operate.

### To Protect Girls

Wearing white armlets, on which are the initials D.M.W. (Durham Moral Welfare), they patrol in pairs from about 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Miss M. E. Spooner, superintendent of St. Agnes Home, Darlington, who is leader of the patrols, says: "The object is to try to help and protect any girls who may be in difficulties.

## ROMANCE CAUSED RIOTS

Wedding kept secret to save bloodshed

Ausschnitt introduced himself, and by the time the train reached Bucharest had fallen in love. He was already engaged to be married (according to report it was to a maharajah's daughter) but he wired breaking that romance.

The wedding of Max Ausschnitt and Livia Pordean was fixed for Boxing Day 1934; hundreds of wedding invitations were sent out.

But Ausschnitt was of Jewish origin. The Iron Guard, Jew-haters, seized the opportunity of attacking him.

Porunca Vremitti, the extreme nationalist newspaper, started the campaign with an editorial that said:

"It would be a disgrace to the Rumanian nation if this marriage were allowed to take place. Do not let this red-haired, freckled bandit, this robber-baron, this highwayman be allowed to buy a Rumanian maiden with his illegotten gains."

The result was public demonstrations in the street in front of M. Pordean's house in Cluj whenever Max Ausschnitt visited his fiancée.

Livia Pordean disappeared from home. So did Max Ausschnitt. Iron Guard men were on the lookout for them, suspecting that the wedding would be held quietly. But Max Ausschnitt and his fiancée gave them the slip.

One afternoon in January 1935, a car stopped in front of the residence of Ruman Catholic bishop Dr. Pachia, in Timisoara. From it stepped Livia and her fiancée, who had a opted the Ruman Catholic faith some weeks before.

Their Wedding

In the bishop's private chapel "the robber baron" and his bride were married.

By the time the Iron Guard found out about the wedding, the newly married couple were on their way to Paris, London and the United States on a long honeymoon.

At that time the Iron Guard, a banned organisation, could not openly do harm to the Ausschnitts.

They had to wait six years for their vengeance. They have now made their peace with Carol, and Max Ausschnitt has gone to imprisonment and disgrace.

We do not interfere with anyone so long as they are not misbehaving. When so many strange men are about there is a danger of young girls losing their heads. The patrols are chiefly older and married women. Some have daughters of their own."

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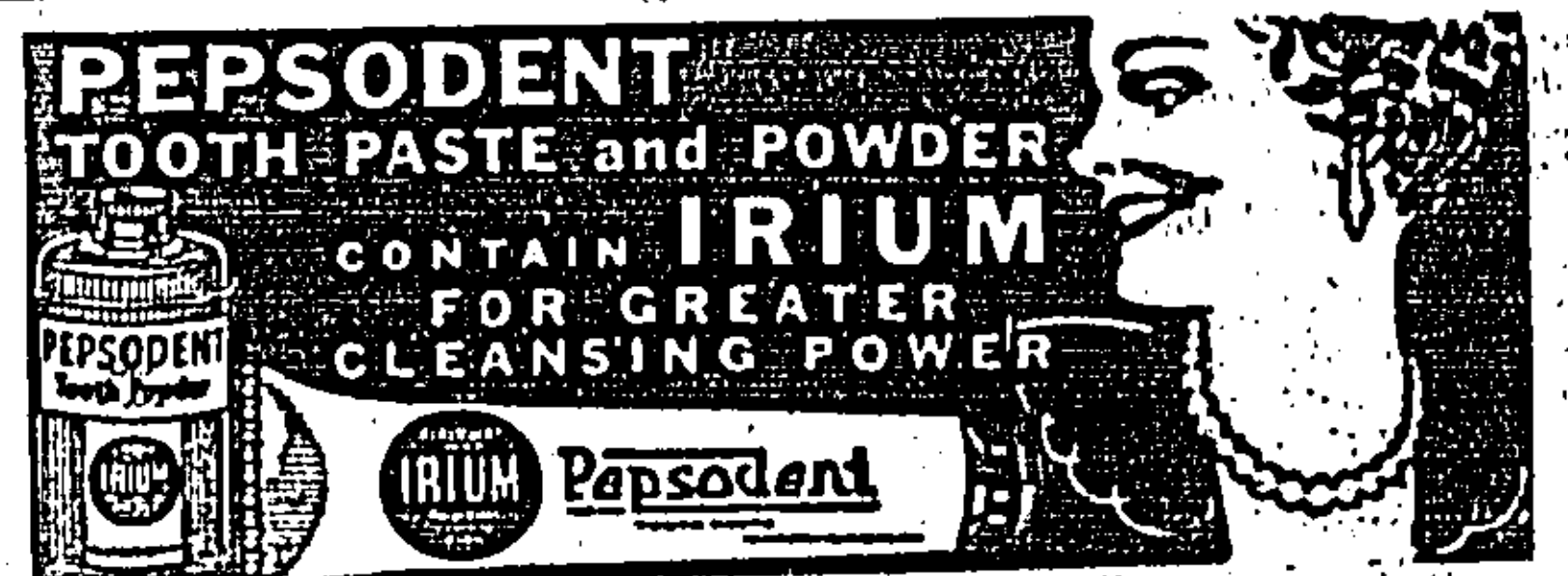
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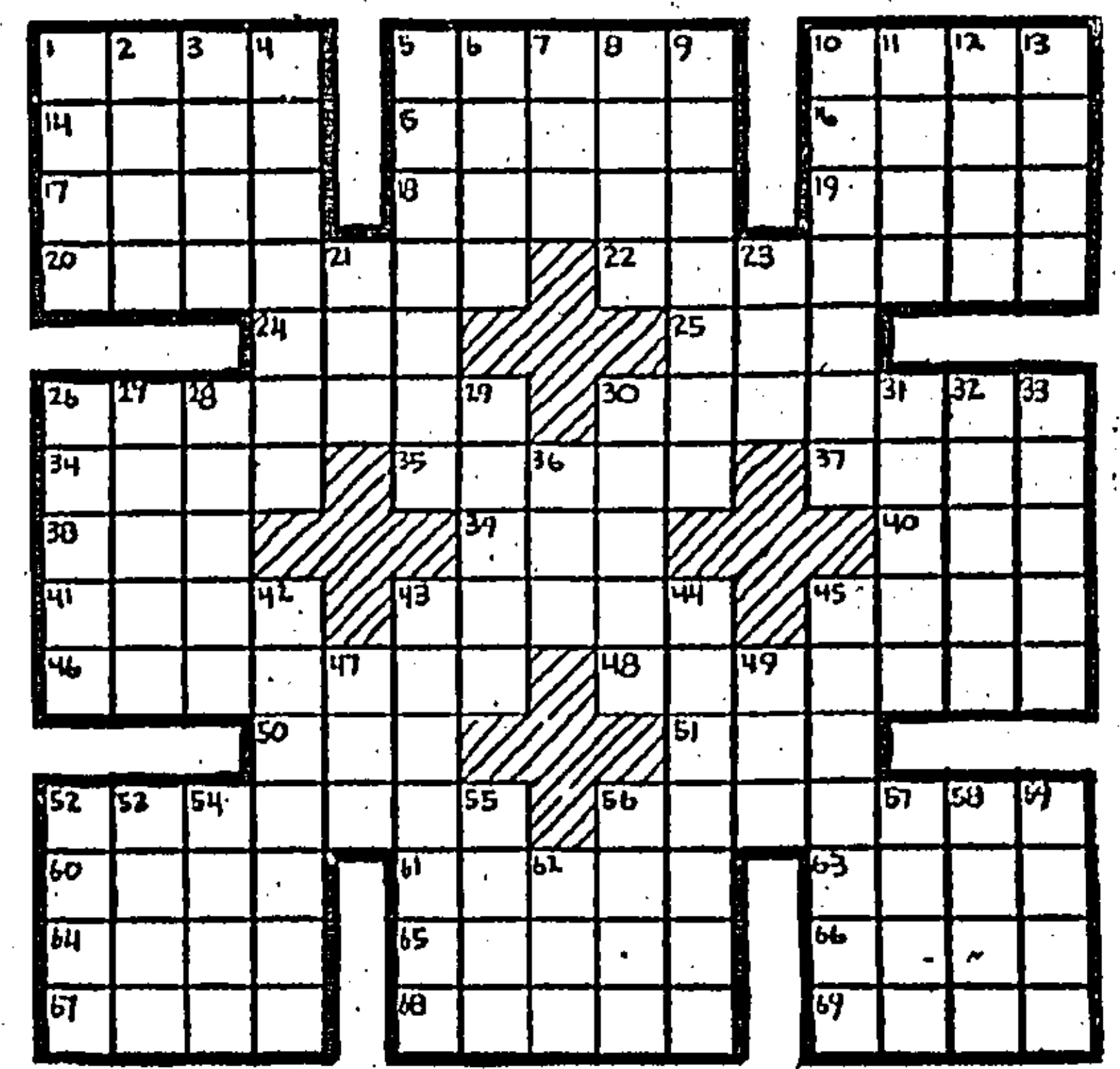
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS	ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE	DOWN
1—None material	1—None material	1—None material
2—Patented device	2—Patented device	2—Patented device
3—Western state	3—Western state	3—Western state
4—Persian problem	4—Persian problem	4—Persian problem
5—Wood tool	5—Wood tool	5—Wood tool
6—Rubber wheel	6—Rubber wheel	6—Rubber wheel
7—Elastic cord	7—Elastic cord	7—Elastic cord
8—Male and male, as	8—Male and male, as	8—Male and male, as
9—Trumpet	9—Trumpet	9—Trumpet
10—Rumanian time	10—Rumanian time	10—Rumanian time
11—Pallid cut to sheet	11—Pallid cut to sheet	11—Pallid cut to sheet
12—Pertaining to national government	12—Pertaining to national government	12—Pertaining to national government
13—Oriental lord	13—Oriental lord	13—Oriental lord
14—Metal container	14—Metal container	14—Metal container
15—Battered	15—Battered	15—Battered
16—Frame of mind	16—Frame of mind	16—Frame of mind
17—Characteristic	17—Characteristic	17—Characteristic
18—Take out	18—Take out	18—Take out
19—Sin	19—Sin	19—Sin
20—Receptacle for	20—Receptacle for	20—Receptacle for
21—Large vessel	21—Large vessel	21—Large vessel
22—Chest (nautical)	22—Chest (nautical)	22—Chest (nautical)
23—Contentious	23—Contentious	23—Contentious
24—Expression	24—Expression	24—Expression
25—Veil word by	25—Veil word by	25—Veil word by
26—Colourful	26—Colourful	26—Colourful
27—Large rodent	27—Large rodent	27—Large rodent
28—Yield liquid	28—Yield liquid	28—Yield liquid
29—Spectator	29—Spectator	29—Spectator
30—Went of fine family	30—Went of fine family	30—Went of fine family
31—Metallic element	31—Metallic element	31—Metallic element
32—Wrinkle in skin	32—Wrinkle in skin	32—Wrinkle in skin
33—Variety of headless cabbage	33—Variety of headless cabbage	33—Variety of headless cabbage



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## Anglo-Soviet Trade Pact Effort to Come To An Agreement

LONDON, May 1 (British Wireless).—In the light of information provided by the Soviet Ambassador when he called at the Foreign Office a few days ago to convey the reply of his Government on trade questions, His Majesty's Government are giving their most careful consideration to whether an Anglo-Soviet trade agreement can be arrived at which will take into account the present war situation.

The suggestion that any final decision has been reached is premature and has no authority. The latest Soviet communication has to be studied in more than one department.

### Halifax's Invitation

When Lord Halifax saw Mr. Ivan Maisky on April 19, he informed him that the British Government had considered the Soviet suggestion for resumption of trade talks and that they were prepared to discuss in an exploratory manner whether a basis existed for a trade agreement, and he invited him to obtain from the Soviet, concrete suggestions which took account of the condition upon which the British Government have had to insist in all war trade agreements, namely, guarantees in the matter of supplies reaching the enemy.

In Parliament on April 10, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that should trade negotiations be resumed with the Soviet, it was to be made clear that Britain still condemned Russia's aggression against Finland.

## LETTERS

### Prayers For Norway

To The Editor, "The Hongkong Telegraph." Sir.—In view of the terrible struggle in which Norway and Britain are now involved together, the 11 o'clock morning service in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next will have special reference to this distressed land and those who are suffering hardship there.

To this service all Norwegians and Scandinavians are warmly invited. Dr. Karl Reichelt of the Lutheran Church of Norway will preach.

The service will be one of Holy Communion in which all who share our faith are invited to take part. A. P. Rose, Acting Chaplain.

## LATE NEWS

### Nazi Demands Rejected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, May 2 (UP).—It is reliably stated that Rumania and Yugo-Slavia have officially rejected Hungarian demands that Germany and Slovakia should be admitted into the recent Danubian agreement regarding the policing of the Danube. It is understood that Bulgaria has not replied to the proposal. Hungary's proposal contemplated German monitors patrolling the lower reaches of the Danube.

### Attack On Slavs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, May 2 (UP).—The Italian Press has returned to its attacks on Yugo-Slavia. Some of the newspapers bitterly point out that, although measures were adopted recently against foreigners living in Yugo-Slavia, neither British nor French subjects have been among those expelled.

## THAT TIENSIN SILVER

### Another Question In House Of Common

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Noel Baker asked the Prime Minister whether he could assure the House that the Government would agree to no new arrangement concerning the silver deposits in the banks of the International Concession in Tientsin without the consent of the recognised government of China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that he presumed that Mr. Noel

## Norway Defaults On Loan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, May 1 (UP).—Norway has technically defaulted on payment of the May 1 coupon of the 3 per cent. Norwegian Loan.

Chief feature of to-day's market was the heavy selling of 7 per cent. Brazilian Bonds, some of which lost as much as £2 10s.

Baker referred to the silver deposited in a Chinese bank in the British Concession in Tientsin. The Government had consulted the Chinese Government at all material stages of the negotiations on this subject and were continuing to do so.

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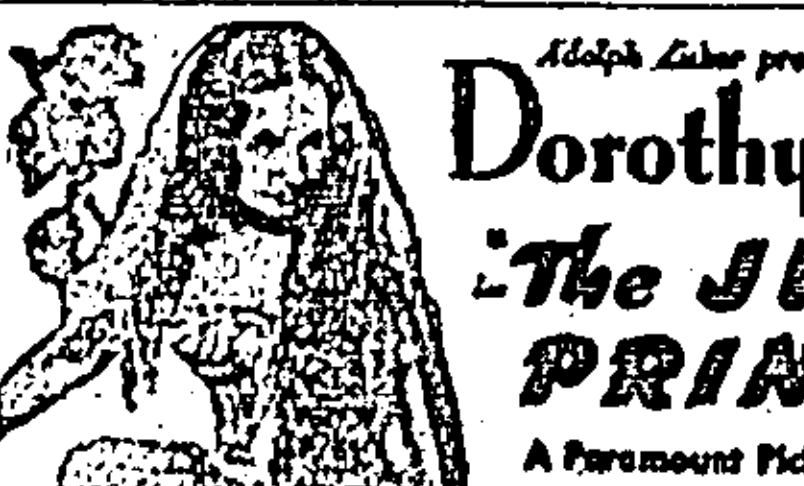
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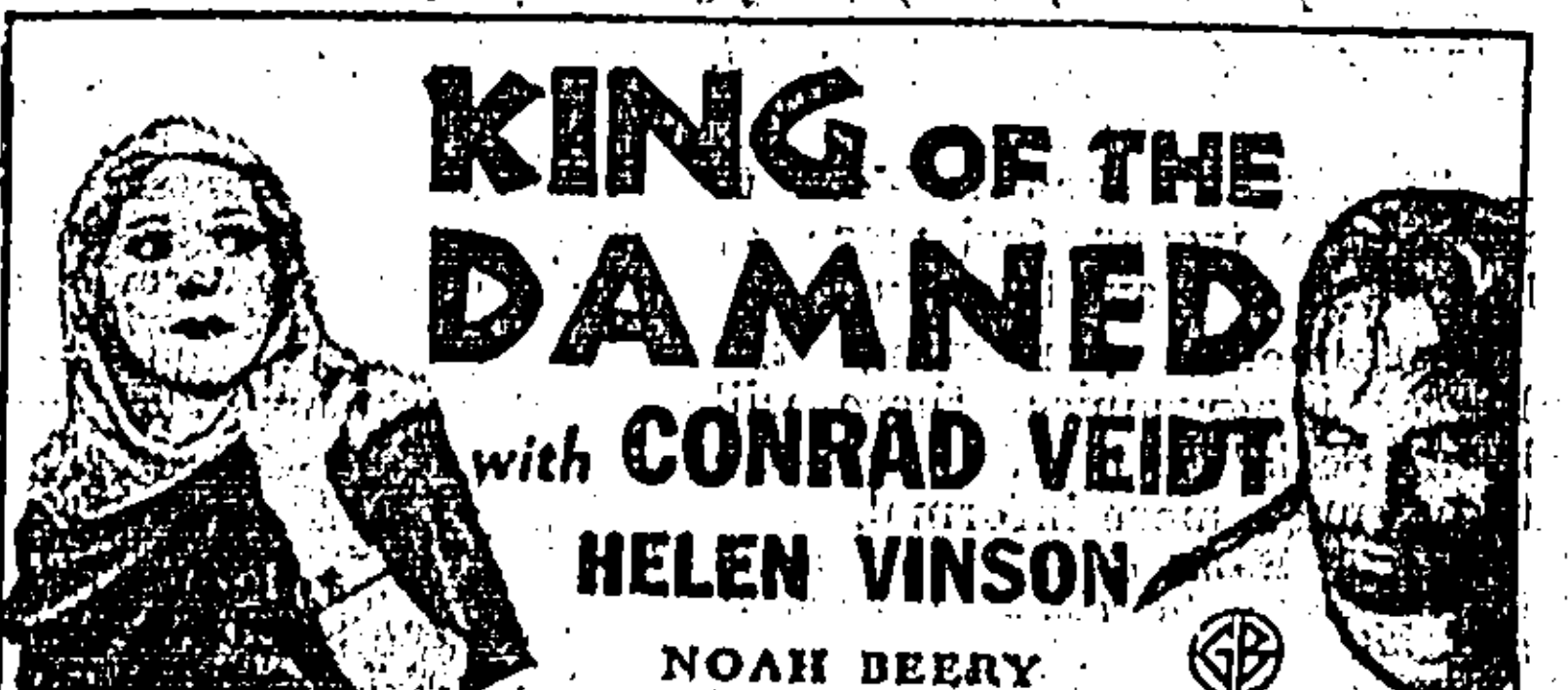
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## Benefit Of The Doubt

### Summons Against Army Officer Dismissed

Lt. Umaro Singh of the 5/6 Rajputana Rifles and driver of a car this morning was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court for failing to stop his vehicle when signalled to do so by a Police Officer in Yin Chow Street, Shamshui-po.

Sergeant Groves said that at 12.55 a.m., on March 30 he noticed a car coming from the direction of Taipei Road, and when it was about 20 yards away he stepped into the roadway and signalled with his left hand for the car to stop. This was not done. The car had its headlights full on, and when it had passed him by four or five yards he heard a voice shout from the car: "What do you want officer?"

### Did Not See Any Signal

Defendant maintained that he had not seen the signal nor anyone standing in the roadway. It was about 1 a.m., and all his windows were closed because it was drizzling. He had seen a dark shadow standing on the pavement.

Defendant also said that had the officer's identity been known to him and had he seen the signal, there was no reason why he should not stop the car. Being in the Army, he was a disciplined man, he expected to be obeyed, and he would obey the instructions of police officers.

Summing up the case, Mr. Macfadyen remarked that as Sergeant Groves had been wearing a mackintosh over his uniform that night, it was just possible that he had not been distinguished as a police officer. Defendant had therefore the benefit of the doubt.

The summons was accordingly dismissed.

## THEFT OF DAIRY FARM BUTTER

### 56 Pounds Hidden In Cabbage-Can

Admitting the theft of 56 lbs. of butter from the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Pennington Street, Lam Yau-kwan, 19, co-look of the Company, was given two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning. The butter was valued at \$90.

Lau Yi-yau, 17, hawker, who pleaded guilty to having aided and abetted Lam, was remanded for seven days in gaol custody.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that about 9 p.m. yesterday the watchman of the Company saw the butter in a cabbage-can in the garage, and kept a watch over it. Later Lau came along and picked up the butter. On being arrested Lau said Lam had left the butter for him to collect.

## ATTITUDE OF THE NEUTRALS

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sentiment which Nazi Germany knows well how to exploit.

"It is absolutely necessary for any nation that means to survive to be determined to defend its independence and its honour as Sweden and the other neighbours of Germany."

The moderate and even friendly tone recently adopted by the Nazi Government towards Sweden shows some recognition of her high spirit. The testing time has come for all countries. It tries out the strength of the spirit as well as of the right arm.

## HOLLAND TO TAX WAR PROFITS

THE HAGUE, May 1 (Reuter).—The Premier, Jonkheer de Geer, is introducing a Bill to Parliament to tax war profits at the rate of 25 per cent. in the case of private individuals and 40 per cent. in the case of companies from January 1, 1939.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

#### Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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## G. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui-po, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2793	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Yau Yau Street, Shamshui-po	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$ 116	\$ 12,600

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4275	Between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	22,800	\$ 413	\$ 56,350

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2793	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Hong Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	5,400	\$ 74	\$ 9,350



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## ITALIANS STILL PREPARE FOR WAR

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but only an extra 300 miles in the case of ships going to Australia. Official circles here sincerely hope that the measure will only be of a temporary nature but realise that it is necessary at the moment in view of the Italian attitude both of responsible Ministers and the Italian press.

It may be recalled that when war broke out Italy's position was uncertain and the Admiralty ordered the Mediterranean closed.

The order was revoked soon afterwards.

### War Risk Rates Raised

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—A new advisory schedule of the London Underwriters increases the war risk insurance rates for shipping on Mediterranean and Black Sea voyages.

A few rates are quadrupled, many are doubled and others are increased in small proportions.

Egypt's Precautions  
CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—Owing to the uncertainty of the Mediterranean situation, certain defence preparations, usual under the present circumstances, were taken throughout Egypt this afternoon.

### Pointed Hint To Italy

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—It is understood that the British Government's precautions regarding the Mediterranean will not entail any wholesale recall or diversion of British ships.

Each of each vessel will be considered on its merits. The special needs of the ship's cargo and the political situation at the time of the proposed journey will also be borne in mind.

In the case of ships proceeding from Britain to the East and the Far East which are not carrying large amounts of cargoes for Mediterranean ports there is no doubt that substantial diversions via the Cape of Good Hope will occur.

Even if they carry a large proportion of their cargo for ports like Naples and Marseilles such goods may be trans-shipped by non-British vessels.

Regarding the political aspect of the decision, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in authoritative quarters that it is a pointed hint to Italy that the recent one of her press and political speakers does not accord with the spirit of the "gentlemen's agreement" between Italy and Britain.

It is considered unfortunate that this attitude should be taken by the Italian press at a time when Anglo-Italian trade talks were promising to bear fruit.

One of the specific agreements in which progress was being made would provide for the construction of shipping tonnage for Britain in Italy in exchange for coal.

### Mediterranean Ships Unaffected

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—Shipping companies at Port Said and Suez are advised that British ships are being diverted via the Cape route.

British naval authorities here state that British shipping within the Mediterranean is unaffected by the Government's measures.

Until three days ago, homeward British shipping north of Aden was allowed to proceed into the Mediterranean but since then British ships in the Red Sea have been requested to sail for Britain via the Cape.

Only Far East and Australian Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 1 (UP).—It is reliably stated that the British Admiralty's order to British ships to avoid the Mediterranean applies for the present only to transit traffic to and from the Far East and Australia.

British vessels bound only for Mediterranean ports are still being permitted to enter the inland sea.

The explanation is understood to be that some of the British merchantmen engaged on the Australian service are among the finest ships passing through the Suez Canal.

Vessels plying in the Mediterranean are of a more modest quality.

### Italian Loan Unquoted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 1 (UP).—The Italian 7 per cent. Loan was unquoted on the London Stock Exchange today.

Its previous quotation was 54.

### French Concern

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, May 2 (Domel).—Considerable concern is felt by the French Foreign Office regarding future relations between France and Italy, according to a Ministry spokesman.

A report from Rome states that the possibility of an Allied blockade of the Mediterranean at Gibraltar and Suez is now envisaged by Italy.

The importance attached by the Italian Government to the British action in ordering shipping to divert to the Cape route is evidenced by the publication in which is given a British statement of this action.

### Not To Go To War Yet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, May 2 (UP).—Count Ciano the Italian Foreign Minister, is reported to have given an assurance to the British Charge d'Affaires, Sir Noel Charles, that Italy does not plan to enter the war at present.

It is authoritatively stated that a similar assurance has been given to the U.S. Ambassador by Signor Mussolini.

### Attack On Slavs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, May 2 (UP).—The Italian Press has returned to its attacks on Yugo-Slavia.

Some of the newspapers bitterly point out that, although measures were adopted recently against foreigners living in Yugo-Slavia, neither British nor French subjects have been among those expelled.

## WARPLANES BEATING WARSHIPS

### U.S. Navy Minister's Discovery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP).—The European War is proving that aircraft now have a temporary advantage over battle-ships.

At least, that is the decision reached by the U.S. Naval Department.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, told the Press to-day that events in Europe involve immediate alteration in the design of U.S. warships now under construction.

Heavier and more streamlined deck armour will replace that previously designed for use in the ships.

The U.S. naval manoeuvres recently held in the Pacific have disclosed, also, that the Navy must have more fueling bases in the Pacific.

In addition, fuel storage tanks at Pearl Harbour, in the Hawaiian Islands, must be placed underground as protection against air attacks.

### Temporary Advantage

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter).—"The aeroplane has a temporary advantage over the warship," said the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, on his return from the annual "war games" in the Pacific.

He added that this can be neutralised by design. There must be minor changes in the structure of existing warships and basic change of design for future warships.

Intelligent attention has been paid to the protection of men and weapons above decks. The changes he advocated included the elimination of all gear likely to splinter when struck by bombs or shells.

## BATTLING FOR AIR SUPREMACY

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the Royal Air Force bombing aircraft last night.

"The attacks were made on the aerodromes at Stavanger, Fornebu (Oslo) and Aalborg (Denmark)."

"The attacks were pressed home in the face of strong opposition from anti-aircraft guns and enemy fighter planes."

"Preliminary reports indicate that heavy damage was inflicted on the aerodromes and on enemy aircraft."

"Casualties were inflicted on enemy fighter planes, at least three of which are known to have been shot down."

"Even of our aircraft were lost during these operations."

"A further attack is being carried out this morning."

### Only Slight Damage, Says DNB

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—The official DNB agency, commenting on the R.A.F. raid on the Nazi air base at Aalborg in Denmark, claims that only slight damage was caused.

### BRILLIANT R.A.F. RAID IN FACE OF HOT OPPOSITION

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of bombers started a series of raids which continued until the early hours of to-day.

Altogether it is known that four enemy machines were brought down. Among the ascertained results of the raid on Fornebu was a fire visible over 30 miles away.

### Raid Last All Day

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—It was learned in an authoritative source that the aerial bombardment of Stavanger was resumed this morning when the R.A.F. Bomber Command launched a day-long raid.

No enemy fighters were encountered.

The damage inflicted in the previous raids was plainly visible as the weather was perfect and visibility extended to 60 miles.

The aerodrome was attacked with a large number of high explosive bombs, and bursts of smoke and flame recorded a series of hits on the landing ground.

All the British aircraft returned safely to their bases.

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## Bag-Snatcher Caught

### Smart Work By Chinosa And R.A.F. Sergt.

As Mrs. K. A. Burgess of Hillwood Road was yesterday assailing a child to board a bus in Jordan Road she had her handbag snatched away by a man. A witness, Ng Hong, caught hold of the thief who had slipped. There was a struggle which ended when Sergeant H. L. Bloomfield of the R.A.F. rendered the necessary assistance.

This morning, the alleged snatcher, Li Chui, 25, unemployed, was charged with theft of the handbag and was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong by Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Sergeant Groves, who prosecuted, said that the bag and its contents had been recovered.

Ng and Mr. Bloomfield were thanked by Mr. Macfadyen for the assistance they had rendered.

## BASKETBALL STARS LEAVING

The Chung Hwa Girls' Basketball touring team from the Philippines ended a successful visit to the Colony yesterday, when they defeated the Hongkong Stars by the close margin of 15-13.

The team will be leaving the Colony to-day at 8 p.m. for Manila. It is disclosed that they have been invited to play at Macao, but have had to decline as the requirements were that they should play four games in four days. Also, they were to pay all their expenses, Macao not being able to guarantee anything.

Mr. C. C. Lim, manager of the team has expressed his heartfelt appreciation of the sportsmanship of the crowds who attended the games nightly.

From the team's series of matches in Hongkong, the Chinese Wounded and Refugee Fund has benefited considerably. It is estimated that \$1,200 was collected in the third match against the Hongkong Stars.

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## BRITISH WARSHIPS ATTACK ANOTHER GERMAN CONVOY

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were believed to have formed two convoys steaming north.

A great number of aircraft were in action.

At least one ship was seen ablaze. A violent cannonade was also heard from the fortress of Marstrand, where at 8.30 to-night another ship was seen on fire and believed to have been sunk.

Industrial losses appeared to outnumber the gains.

Of the commodities, shellac sellers were more willing to meet trade inquiry. Consequently there was better business at the lower prices. Seven and eight shillings were paid. Wall Street was easy.

Wall Street was easy.

## IF HITLER WINS WAR

### America Would Be The Loser

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, May 2, (UP).—If Germany succeeds in defeating the Allies, the United States will be in a hopeless position.

This warning was stated last night by Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, the former First Lord of the Admiralty.

"With a navy and a small army to defend two oceans instead of one, America's situation would be precarious."

"Her predominant strength at sea in the event of an Allied defeat would depend upon what extent victorious Germany would compel defeated France and England to hand over their ships."

"Were Germany able to combine the French and British navies with her own, the entire American navy and army would be helpless in the Atlantic, while the Pacific would be left uncovered."

"Not only would it be incumbent upon America to defend Canada, unless she was prepared to see it become a German province, but she would also have to protect Australia and New Zealand from Japan."

## Car Smashed And Robbed

Capt. P. H. MacMillan, of the Royal Artillery, reports that while his car was parked in Victoria Road yesterday, the rear window was smashed and a basket containing a Military uniform and some toilet requisites was stolen.

The basket was later found abandoned near the hillside, and only a small case containing studs was missing.

## Irregular Stock Exchange

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was irregular though the under-lone was firm.

Bonds of the Mediterranean governments eased on anxieties concerning that region.

Gilt-edged securities fluctuated narrowly.

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# GOERING ACCUSES RIBBENTROP

GOERING intervened with the Fuehrer . . .

YESTERDAY, Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, revealed how Hitler cheated Chamberlain at their meeting at Godesberg.

TO-DAY, continuing his revelations concerning the Czech-German crisis of September, 1938, he tells of Sir Horace Wilson's mission; of a procession which changed the Fuehrer's mind; of a quarrel between Goering and Ribbentrop; and of Italy's eleventh-hour intervention.

ON Monday, September 26, the Prime Minister sent Sir Horace Wilson to Berlin with a personal letter to Hitler.

In this, after stating that the German proposals, as they stood, had been rejected by the Czech Government, he again urged the Chancellor, since the difference was one of form and not of principle, to agree to negotiate rather than to resort to force.

He suggested a direct meeting between Germans and Czechs with a British representative as intermediary.

Sir H. Wilson, accompanied by Kirkpatrick and myself, saw the Chancellor at 5 that afternoon. This interview also was stormy and unsatisfactory.

Herr Hitler could only with difficulty be persuaded to listen to the Prime Minister's letter. At one point he shouted: "It is no use talking any more," and he moved to the door as if to leave the room.

Eventually he returned, and the conversation was resumed, but it was impossible to reach any satisfactory conclusion.

On the same evening he made a speech in the Sportplatz. It contained a savage attack on Benes personally, and in it he finally burnt his boats by declaring that, if the Czech Government themselves had not ceded all the Sudeten lands by October 1, Germany would occupy them by that date, with himself as the first soldier of the Reich.

At the same time he made an appeal for British neutrality by friendly references to Mr. Chamberlain's efforts for peace.

## Chamberlain's warning

Sir Horace Wilson spent that night in the Embassy, and in the course of it received instructions to deliver yet another personal message.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain, while acknowledging the references to himself in Hitler's speech, guaranteed, if Germany refrained from force, to see that the Czech undertakings, already given, would be carried out.

Sir H. Wilson accordingly saw Hitler for the second time at 12.15 on the morning of September 27. He asked the Chancellor if, in the light of the Prime Minister's statement, he could take any message back to London.

Hitler replied that the Czechoslovak Government had only two courses: acceptance of the German memorandum; or rejection. In the course of this conversation, Hitler shouted savagely on two or three occasions: "Ich werde die Tschechen Zerschlagen," which Herr Schmidt, the interpreter, faithfully translated as: "I will smash-the Czechs!"

He showed by his demeanour that he was longing to chastise the Czechs for their insolence; bombs must fall on Prague; the Czech army must be put to rout;

Dr. Benes must be forced to ignominious flight.

When it was clear that Hitler's determination to go to war was quite inflexible, Sir H. Wilson said that he was charged by the Prime Minister to give him a message to the following effect:

"If, in pursuit of her Treaty obligations, France became actively engaged in hostilities against Germany, the United Kingdom would feel obliged to support her."

Hitler's answer was that he could only take note of this communication. If, meant, he said, that if France elected to attack Germany, England felt obliged to attack Germany also.

Sir H. Wilson attempted to refute this interpretation of his statement, but Hitler declined to be convinced.

## Hitler gets a lesson

"If France and England strike," he shouted, "let them do so. It is a matter of complete indifference to me. I am prepared for every eventuality. I can only take note of the position. It is Tuesday today, and by next Monday we shall all be at war."

On this depressing note the interview ended.

Sir Horace flew back to London early the same afternoon. Nevertheless, his effect, and I was officially informed that night by the State Secretary that Hitler had addressed, through the German Embassy in London, an immediate and important personal letter to the Prime Minister.

In this he attempted to justify his attitude, and begged Mr. Chamberlain to continue to use his good offices.

Therein he gave the Prime Minister the definite assurance which he was so cynically to disregard six months later, to the effect that, once the Sudeten Germans were incorporated in the Reich, he would cease to be interested in the Czechs and would do nothing to infringe their independence.

A chance episode had, as it happens, produced a salutary revulsion in Hitler's mind.

In the afternoon of that Tuesday, a mechanised division had rumbled through the streets of Berlin and up the Wilhelmstrasse past the Chancellor's window and those of the Embassy.

For three hours Hitler stood at his window and watched it pass. The Germans love military display, but not a single individual in the streets applauded its passage.

The picture which it represented was almost that of a hostile army passing through a conquered city.

Hitler was deeply impressed.

At that moment, he realised for the first time that the cheers of his acolytes were far from representing the true spirit and feelings of the German people.

These extracts are taken from the book by Sir Neville Henderson entitled "Failure of a Mission," published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.

Late in the afternoon of September 27 I had been advised by the Foreign Office by telephone that instructions were on their way to me for yet another communication to the Chancellor.

I accordingly made arrangements to meet the State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at 11 that night, and handed to him a note for immediate transmission and submission to Hitler.

It contained proposals, agreed to by the French Government and transmitted to Prague, pressing Sudeten territories on the basis of the immediate transfer of the Czech Government to agree to a timetable guaranteed by His Majesty's Government.

## How war was postponed

The first areas were to be handed over on October 1, and the creation of an international boundary commission for the settlement of details was also suggested.

The proposals went far to meet Hitler's demands, and in the end they constituted the main basis of the final settlement at Munich.

With faint hope, I retired to bed on the Tuesday night realising that, if nothing new intervened, the announced general mobilisation of the German army would take place the following day at 2 p.m.

Since the army was already concentrated and mobilised, in effect this meant the beginning of the march into Czechoslovakia.

I was aroused at 7 the next morning (Wednesday) by M. Francois-Poncet, the French Ambassador, who informed me by telephone that his instructions to make a similar communication to mine had reached him at 4 a.m.

Three hours later, at 10 a.m., he rang me up again to say that he feared the worst, since he had had no answer to his request for an audience and probably would not now receive one.

I told him that I would come and see him at 10.30. I then asked to be put into communication with Goering by telephone, and was able to get into immediate touch with him. Fortunately the telephone was working well everywhere on that critical day.

I began to describe the proposals, but Goering cut me short. "You need not," he said, "say a word more. I am going immediately to see the Fuehrer."

I then went round to see the French Ambassador, and while we were discussing the new proposals a message came from the Reichschancellery that Hitler would see Francois-Poncet at 11.15.

Simultaneously a secretary brought round to me at the French Embassy a telegram from London, instructing me to give immediately a final personal message from the Prime Minister to Hitler himself.

Its gist was that, after reading Hitler's letter of the previous evening, Mr. Chamberlain was still convinced that Germany could obtain her essential requirements without resort to war, and that he was ready to come to Berlin at once himself in order to discuss the whole question with Hitler and with representatives of France and Italy.

Did Hitler, he concluded, wish to take the responsibility of starting a world war for the sake of a few days' delay in settling the problem?

It is worth recalling the exact sequence of events on that critical day. Goering went to see Hitler between 10.15 and 11.15 and was joined there by Neurath, who had forced his way in uninvited.

Both were in favour of a peaceful solution by negotiation.

RIBBENTROP

was accused by

Goering of in-

citing to war.

At a meeting of Hitler and his advisers there had been some plain speaking, in which Goering had vehemently accused Ribbentrop of inciting to war.

Among other things, it was related that Goering shouted that he knew what war was and he did not want to go through it again.

If, however, the Fuehrer said "March," he would go himself in the first and leading aeroplane. All that he insisted upon was that Ribbentrop should be in the seat next to him.

He did say this, or something like it, but it was not in the Fuehrer's presence.

But I believe that did call Ribbentrop on that occasion a criminal fool.

Nor, of the various factors which induced Hitler to abandon his idea of a Czech war, was Goering's intervention the least important.

Then came the Poncet interview, in the middle of which, at 11.40 a.m., Hitler left the room to see the Italian Ambassador, who had arrived with a preliminary urgent appeal from Mussolini for the postponement of the so-called general mobilisation for twenty-four hours.

The Italian intervention proved the final and decisive factor for peace. It enabled Hitler to climb down without losing face.

His first remark to me when I saw him at 12.15, immediately after Poncet, was: "At the request of my great friend and ally, Mussolini, I have postponed mobilising my troops for twenty-four hours."

## Mussolini intervenes

Before actually seeing Hitler himself, I had, however, realised that the situation had taken a turn for the better. When I entered the Chancellery, there was an atmosphere of relief in the faces of the less bellicose of the crowd of Nazi soldiers and aides-de-camp who filled the hall.

One friend of mine whispered in my ear: "It is going better: only stick to it!"

I was at once ushered into Hitler's Cabinet room, where I met Goering and Neurath on their way out.

I gave Hitler the Prime Minister's message, and his reply was that he must consult again with Mussolini before giving me a definite answer.

We discussed fairly amicably the latest proposals of the French and British Governments, and the Chancellor, though a little distrustful, was not unreasonable.

My interview with him, which lasted over an hour, was also interrupted by a second visit from the Italian Ambassador, this time to say that Mussolini himself was prepared to accept the British proposals for a Four Power meeting, which had been telegraphed to Rome.

But, as a matter of fact, everything was settled before ever I



Henderson found Goebbels "the most intelligent of all the Nazi leaders" and was "charmed both by the natural fluency of his manner of speaking and his extremely agreeable voice."

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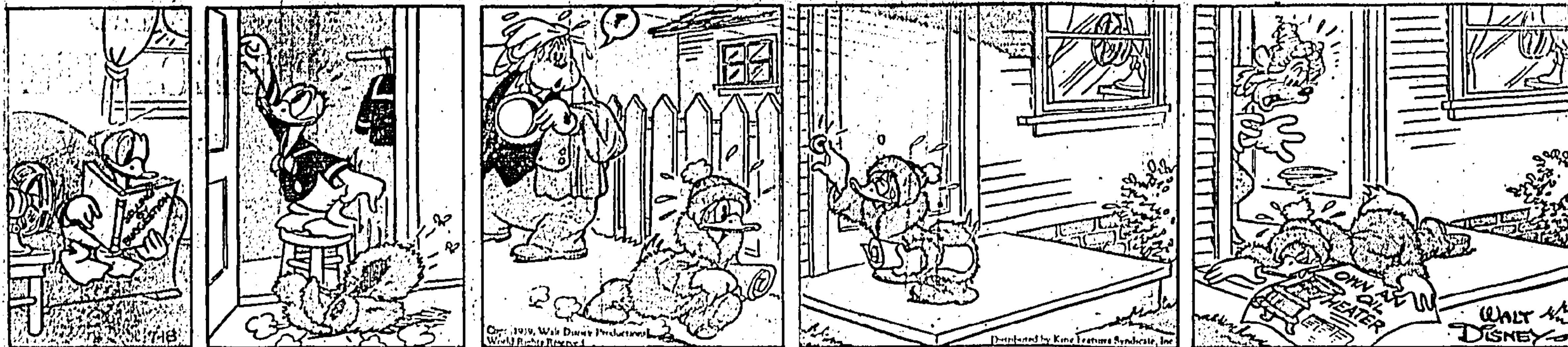
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## Defenders Seriously Hampered by Nazis Overwhelming Supremacy In The Air

### Allied Situation In South Norway Said Compromised

By WEBB MILLER

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 2 (UP).—The whole Allied strategy in the expedition in Norway has been gravely compromised and is now confronted with the possibility of drastic, unfavourable revision.

The position of the Allied troops in the entire region south of Trondheim has been rendered dangerously critical by the severance of the vital railway link between Dombas and Stoeren.

As long as the Germans retain their crushing dominance of the air, as they have at present, there seems scant hope of preventing General Falkenhof from strongly consolidating his tentative junction of the Trondheim garrison with the main German forces in the Oslo area.

In such an event the whole purpose of the Allied landings south of Trondheim would fail and one of the Allied pincers designed to bite off Trondheim would be broken.

The other claw from the north has been halted outside Steinkjer because the road ahead is under fire. From German destroyers inside Trondheim Fjord and the Allied base at Namsos is under constant bombardment from the air.

**Hopeful Development**  
The only hopeful development visible here are two fresh landings at Sunndal (north of Andalsnes and about 45 miles to the west of the Dombas-Stoeren railway) and in the Nord Fjord to the south of Andalsnes.

But these freshly landed troops will be forced to proceed over a mountainous country where it is very difficult to transport artillery. Clinging of the German grip on southern Norway would mean that the Allied object of preventing the linking up of the main body of German troops with those at Trondheim has failed for the time being.

It would also mean that the Allied scheme for quickly pinching off from the north and south and wiping the Germans out at Trondheim has failed, and the Allies themselves will be on the defensive if the Germans succeed in maintaining and strengthening their junction with Trondheim.

**Unhappy Prospect**  
The prospect also arises that in the long run Hitler can utilise the Norwegian bases to the fullest extent for wide scale air and submarine offensives against Britain's mastery of the North Sea, which was the original objective of the invasion.

General Falkenhof's next move will be an attempt to drive the Allies entirely out of the Trondheim region. If he succeeds it will give the Allied Supreme War Council the gravest problem they have yet faced.

**The Darkest Spot**  
The darkest spot in the picture is the continuance, almost unhindered of German predominance of the air, which enables them repeatedly to shower hundreds of bombs on Allied landing bases and lines of communications (as witness the seven raids on Namsos yesterday, sometimes lasting two hours).

This constitutes a crucial handicap which the Allies cannot overcome until they acquire airfields where plenty of fast fighters can land and take off. In the meantime all operations are seriously jeopardised.

It is precisely to gain control of such air bases that Trondheim is such a vital objective in the Allied plan. The modern, high speed fighting planes which are necessary to combat the German bombers cannot carry enough gasoline to fly across the North Sea, light and return.

The planes which are carried on naval aircraft carriers are of the scouting type and not fast enough or heavily enough armed to tackle bombers.

So far the comparatively few Allied fighters which have been sent to Norway have been forced to use frozen lakes as their bases. This is dangerous and unsatisfactory and, anyway, the lakes will soon thaw.

**Allies Withdraw**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 2 (UP).—An official British communique admits that the

## CHINA'S FIRST LADY RETURNS TO HER ORPHANS



THIS DELIGHTFUL photograph was taken "somewhere in China" when China's First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-shek, returned from her recent visit to Hongkong. Her first thought was of the war orphans she has adopted.

## King Finds A New Spirit Impressed On Tour Of South Lancashire

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"We have found a different spirit all over the country wherever we have been since the war. Everyone is united in the war effort," said the King to the Trade Union leader, Sir Arthur Pugh, when their Majesties visited South Lancashire.

They inspected an aircraft factory where they saw astonishingly large numbers of planes being produced, made a ten-mile tour of the Merseyside Docks and visited a giant armament works busy making naval guns.

### The King's Hope

The King said to Mr. Arthur McVey, another Trade Union leader: "We have got to see things through. I only hope that it will be a better world in every way after the war."

Thousands of steelworkers and Lancashire unloading ships stopped to cheer. Their Majesties as they drove by the docks escorted by Lord Derby and Sir Warren Fisher, the Regional Commissioner.

The crews of warships, British and foreign merchantships lined the sides of their vessels and cheered.

## KWEIYANG AIR RAID Japanese Bombs Kill 500

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 1, (UP).—Japanese planes wiped out the heart of the business area of Kweiyang last Tuesday.

The Central Hospital was destroyed. There was a total of 500 casualties.

## Labour And The Electoral Truce

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—At a Labour Party meeting to be held on Friday Monday it is expected that some organisations will try to bring the electoral truce to an end.

A Labour Party executive made it clear yesterday in his annual report that this would be opposed.

Apart from the war issue itself there was the matter of the life and liberty of the British people.

The executive was convinced, he said, that the interests of the party demand adherence to an electoral agreement.

## Exaggerated Nazi Claims Become Laughing Stock Of The Neutrals

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, said that his attention had been called to the exaggeration of British naval losses off Norway by Germany.

The German claims, he said, were so exaggerated as to evoke sarcastic comments in neutral countries.

Special machinery existed in the Ministry of Information, he said, for dealing with enemy mis-statements.

When these were not designed to elicit valuable information, immediate corrections were issued through channels which were assured of wide publicity, especially in south-east Europe.

## Premier To Speak

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In reply to a question put forward by the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said he hoped to be in a position to make a statement on the position in Norway to-morrow.

## 7 RAIDS ON NAMSOS British Warship Bombed Then Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NAMSOS, May 1 (UP).—A British destroyer was lost in Namsos Fjord to-day, when it was first set on fire by a bomb from a Nazi plane and then sunk by a torpedo from another British warship because the destroyer had drifted to the entrance of the fjord and threatened to block it.

Seven raids were carried out on Namsos by the Nazi air force to-day, the last one being at 7.30 this evening.

The raiders, in this final attack, concentrated on a British cruiser which had previously escaped damage.

### Two Planes Brought Down

It has been officially announced that two German planes were shot down by British anti-aircraft batteries.

A British destroyer which had been hit and set afire during the dawn raid, drifted down the fjord where it was feared she would block the entrance to the port.

Later the destroyer was sunk by a torpedo from another British warship.

## KING AND QUEEN IN LANCASHIRE

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen to-day toured South Lancashire. Among the places they visited was an aircraft factory where they inspected planes in every stage of construction.

Later they talked with Trade Union officials at Merseyside Dock. In conversation with one leader, the King said that he had noticed throughout the tour the very fine spirit everywhere.

## Foreign Exchange Mobilisation

OTTAWA, May 1 (Reuter).—Canada is now taking steps to mobilise the holdings of foreign exchange. Holders of foreign currencies must sell them to the Canadian Foreign Exchange Board within 30 days.

This Board, which was set up in the early days of the war, has wide powers to take over the gold, exchange reserves of the Bank of Canada which is no longer required to maintain a minimum gold reserve.

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## Vacillating Germany Can't Decide Who She Wants As Friend

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In discussing the political situation to-day, the Stockholm newspaper "Dag Nyheter" points out that Germany alternates between Russia and Italy.

During the first six months of the war, Russia was Germany's best friend, says the paper. But now her friend is Italy.

Both the Russo-German and Italo-German friendships largely depend on coming events.

Mussolini desires a final answer to the problem of the air force versus the navy before taking any definite decision.

### Russia Surprised

Russia, says the paper, was as surprised by the German attack on Norway as Italy was surprised by the Russo-German pact last August. If Germany comes to dominate a large part of the Scandinavian peninsula much of Russia's gains during the last six months will be lost.

It is therefore not surprising that Russia is considering the question of delivering her surplus exports to Yugoslavia and Britain instead of Germany.

## INVESTMENTS TO BE REGULATED

U.S. Senate Passes  
New Measure

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed a Bill authorising the President to regulate or prohibit dealings in foreign investments in the United States in war-time or other emergency.

The Senate passed the Bill on Monday. Hence it now goes to President Roosevelt for signature.

The Bill seeks to meet questions regarding the legality of the President's recent action in "freezing" American credits belonging to Danish and Norwegian citizens.

The Treasury has authorised all Norwegians and Danes to make deposits in American banks, but the restrictions to withdrawals from American accounts will be continued.

Allied forces have withdrawn to prepared positions in the Dombas area. The withdrawal was effected after a stubborn resistance to the German onslaught.

Authorised Nazi sources in Berlin claim that Norwegian troops have been taken prisoner in the sector. DNB admits a heavy R.A.F. raid on Stavanger, but claims that eleven British planes were shot down.

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## ACTIVITY IN BALKANS

### Italo-Nazi Threat To Yugo-Slavia Reported

BELGRADE, May 1 (Reuter).—Reports of German and Italian movements off the Yugo-Slavian border continue to come in here.

The Belgrade authorities are taking precautionary measures. Speaking on Tuesday night, the Yugo-Slavian Premier reiterated that the country was still following a policy of strict neutrality.

Trade talks with Russia, he said, were going on and economic negotiations were being conducted for the time being. The question of resuming diplomatic relations might be broached later.

#### Rumania's Precautions

BUCHAREST, May 1 (Reuter).—Vigorous measures against the Nazi Fifth Column in Rumania are continuing.

No less than 60 foreigners in the oil districts have been taken into custody. Most of them are Germans. Police investigations are continuing especially in the ports.

Many of the Germans in Rumania who are under suspicion have either got a diplomatic status by being attached to the large staff at the German Legation or claim to be bona fide journalists.

Most of the 20 German journalists in Belgrade arrived after the war had started.

#### Nazi Patrols In Danube

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns that news has been received in London from reliable sources that a number of German patrol vessels, disguised as barges have reached the lower Danubian waters.

Some of them are anchoring at Rusechuk.

This step is regarded in London as a characteristic German flouting of the authority of the riverine governments and the Danubian Commission.

#### Students Demonstrate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, May 1 (UP).—"Exchange Telegraph" reports from Belgrade that the police to-day fired over the heads of Yugo-Slav students holding a mass demonstration, this morning.

The students were shouting "Long Live Soviet Russia!"

The demonstrators were dispersed after several had been arrested.

#### Rumania Threatened

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Bucharest "Sennalul" had an interesting leader to-day, maintaining that the country's neutrality to-day is threatened not only militarily but economically and by propaganda.

"The economic blockade may constitute to-day the decisive and final factor in totalitarian warfare, the great consumer of raw materials."

The Cairo "Al-Mokattam," referring to Italy, says: "She knows that by joining Germany she will be the loser in the event of victory or defeat. This makes her hesitate to make up her mind, especially since the Allied North Sea victories have effected changes in the situation and in the naval forces in the Mediterranean."

#### Why Italy Won't Fight

The Wafdist periodical, "Al-Shuhada," outlines the reasons why Italy will not fight. Her fleet is bottled up in the Adriatic; Tripoli is hemmed in by the French in Algeria and Morocco and by the English and Egyptians in West Egypt; it is easy to cut off communications with her African Empire; the Italian coast is very vulnerable to a sea attack; the English and French navies are far stronger.

The "Slate" says: "Aiton Bladet" weighs up the pros and cons of a British large-scale landing in Norway and considers that such a landing must come shortly if the Allied position in Norway is to be saved. The greatest Allied advantage is that the German fleet is not dangerous.

#### Nazi Demands Rejected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, May 2 (UP).—It is reliably stated that Rumania and Yugo-Slavia have officially rejected Hungarian demands that Germany and Slovakia should be admitted into the recent Danubian agreement regarding the policing of the Danube.

It is understood that Bulgaria has not replied to the proposal.

Hungary's proposal contemplated German monitors patrolling the lower reaches of the Danube.

## NAZI PLANE SEEN OFF ENGLAND

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—A plane, believed to be German, was sighted off the north-east coast of England to-night.

The plane was seen at Sunderland but no air raid sirens were sounded. Machine-gun bursts were audible at Sunderland.

The enemy disappeared as soon as a British fighter plane took to the air.

## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' PLANES AND ITALY

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 1 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that Imperial Airways' seaplanes, which usually spend the night at Lake Bracciano, 40 miles outside Rome, on the flight between Alexandria and London, are ordered henceforth only to refuel there during a brief halt of one hour or so.

The night halt will be made instead at Athens or Marseilles. The order becomes effective to-day.

## WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL A KING



THIS REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH is the first to be published in Hongkong of the damage wrought in Norway by German bombers. It shows the main street of Elverum after a Nazi raid. King Håkon and the Norwegian Government removed to Elverum after the German entry into Oslo and desperate efforts were made by the Nazis to wipe out the Ruler and his Cabinet. The effect of the raids on Elverum itself is reminiscent of the havoc wrought on French towns during days of bombardment in the last war.

## DIVISION OF OCEANS

### Nazi Paper Talks Of Anglo-U.S. Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—The relations of the United States with Japan and the future of the entire Pacific area are directly connected with the war in Europe.

This declaration was made to-day in an article in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

The article is based on Germany's official "Handbook for War."

The United States and Britain, it alleges, have an "unwritten division of oceans—the Atlantic for Britain and the Pacific to the United States."

"This unwritten agreement must have been calculated to meet resistance from any other sea power," the article states.

#### U.S. Not Waiting

"America to-day is taking a different course to that which she would have adopted twenty years ago."

"She is not waiting until the end of the war in Europe to carry out her plans."

"These plans, however, are based on a premise which has not yet been proved, namely, the invincibility of the British Fleet."

"In this respect, the entire problem is linked with the European War."

"When the 'Handbook for War' was written, the British Fleet had not yet suffered the sharp blows which resulted from the extension of the war to Scandinavia."

"America's premise that England cannot be defeated is no longer true."

"A German victory would work to Japan's advantage, for it would divert America from the policy of keeping a tight rein on Japan" after having taken over, silently, the protection of Australia and Singapore."

## Violation Of Postal Regulations

### \$25 Fine Is Imposed Against Chinese

When police officers searched a man on a steamer that was sailing for Hainan on April 30 they found that he had in his possession three letters.

The man, Poon Kam-shing, 32, described as an actor, was arrested and this morning he was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court with violating the postal regulations for the purpose of conveying them from Hongkong otherwise than by post.

Det. Sergeant J. Michie said two of the letters were found on defendant and one in his suitcase. He asked Mr. Himsforth to take a serious view of the case because there was quite a lot of this going on.

Mr. Himsforth fined Poon \$25 and pointed out to him that he was liable to a fine of \$1,000, and that letters must be sent through the post.

Poon was given 24 hours to find the money.

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Demand	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	81
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	21 3/4
T.T. Manila	42 1/4
T.T. Batavia	30 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	150
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	100 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	95 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 3/4
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4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	22 1/4
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.49 3/4

## Experiences At Narvik

### British Sailors Tell Of Their Captivity

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Details of the captivity of British sailors in Narvik after the German invasion have been given to-day.

The news has been given out by Chief Engineer Dobson, a member of the crew of one of the five British merchant ships which were at Narvik when Germany invaded Norway.

The chief engineer is at present lying in a Swedish hospital suffering from frost-bite.

Five British ships were just coming up to the pier to load iron ore, he said, when the German destroyers entered the port.

The Nazi sailors swarmed on board. The British men were arrested and taken to a school.

The next day five British destroyers entered Narvik and a great battle ensued.

That day the British captives were moved to a café on the water front. By this time the Germans were running short of food and the prisoners got only bread and water.

On April 13 they heard gunfire at sea. Dobson saw three destroyers sunk.

Later the Germans blew up the iron ore piers and most of the water front.

Ordered To Sweden. On April 23, a German army commander ordered that they should be sent to Sweden.

Two batches of men set out walking along the railway accompanied by German guards.

The cold was acute and the men were tired and frozen.

During the whole of the following 36 hours the only food they got was one cup of coffee and some dog biscuits.

At the frontier they were handed over to the Swedish authorities.

30 Ships Sunk At Narvik. Dobson further states that about 30 ships of various nationalities have been sent to the bottom of Narvik harbour.

Jesse Jones, of the Merston Court, was taken prisoner with 50 others when the Germans entered the port.

He says that they were lined up on the deck of a prison ship and had their photographs taken. Then they were kept below in the ship which was used as a screen during the British attacks.

They were released next morning presumably because by that time the Germans had found themselves too busy looking after themselves to bother about anyone else.

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister's statement to-morrow is expected to be supplemented by a further statement by him next Tuesday.

## SHOCKING REPRISALS

### Japanese Slaughter Around Shanghai

SHANGHAI, May 1 (UP).—The Shanghai "Evening Post," quoting Chinese refugees, states that over 50,000 Chinese families have been rendered homeless during the past three weeks as a result of the Japanese campaign against guerrillas.

The Japanese have extended their reprisal operations to a 300 square mile triangle stretching from west of Shanghai to Tsinpu.

Over 10,000 people are permanently homeless, their homes having been destroyed by the Japanese.

Not A House Standing. Not a single house has been left standing on six square miles of territory that formerly comprised Kuanyingtang.

Only a few wounded and destitute people now remain in what was once a prosperous area.

The bodies of dead people litter the streets of many wrecked towns. It is estimated that at least 1,000 people were killed in the Kuanyingtang area.

## Anglo-Soviet Trade Pact

### Effort to Come To An Agreement

LONDON, May 1 (British Wireless).—In the light of information provided by the Soviet Ambassador when he called at the Foreign Office a few days ago to convey the reply of his Government on trade questions, His Majesty's Government are giving their most careful consideration to whether an Anglo-Soviet trade agreement can be arrived at which will take into account the present war situation.

The suggestion that any final decision has been reached is premature and has no authority.

The latest Soviet communication has to be studied in more than one department.

Halifax's Invitation. When Lord Halifax saw Mr. Ivan Maisky on April 10, he informed him that the British Government had considered the Soviet suggestion for resumption of trade talks and that they were prepared to discuss in an exploratory manner whether a basis existed for a trade agreement, and he invited him to obtain from the Soviet concrete suggestions which took account of the condition upon which the British Government have had to insist in all war trade agreements, namely, guarantees in the matter of supplies reaching the enemy.

In Parliament on April 10, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that should trade negotiations be resumed with the Soviet, it was to be made clear that Britain still condemned Russia's aggression against Finland.

S.M.C. SUSPENDS NEWSPAPER. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

SHANGHAI, May 1 (UP).—The Shanghai Municipal Police has ordered the suspension for three weeks of the American-owned vernacular newspaper "Hwa Mei Pao."

The newspaper published an anti-Japanese article entitled "Little Hero," in which the writer said: "I hate the Japanese. I want to kill the Japanese."

The "Hwa Mei Pao" has suspended publication previously for similar incidents.

## MR. EDEN'S WARNING

### Must Not Belittle The Enemy

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In discussing the war to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that we shall have had as well as good before the struggle was closed in final victory.

"It is at all times wrong in war to belittle the enemy you are up against," he said. "No scruple is ever going to hamper the Nazi leaders in Germany in the use of their war machine."

Referring to the fact that Ribbentrop had assured the world that Britain and Norway had plotted an act of war, Mr. Eden said: "So fantastic a fairy tale would obtain credence from no one who has knowledge of the facts or of Norwegian life and policy."

Ribbentrop Dubbed. "All Norwegian history and tradition dubs Ribbentrop as a liar."

"Only the unhappy German people will believe this Nazi distortion of truth."

"There can be no peace for anyone until the whole Norwegian people again enjoy their freedom under their own King and in their own land."

Emphasising that the Allies have superior resources, Mr. Eden said: "It is not enough to be content with the existence of those resources and to repeat that time is on our side."

"Time has to be harnessed. We will have to marshal our resources rapidly and vigorously."

"Nothing less than the greatest effort of which the British people are capable is enough to secure victory."

## Day Of Sorrow And Hope

### Labour Manifesto On May Day

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—If May Day this year is a day of sorrow for those democratic movements which have fallen by the way, it is also a day of hope, states a manifesto issued by the British National Council of Labour.

Britain, France, Scandinavia and the Dominions are standing shoulder to shoulder, determined to end aggression and make it possible for freedom to survive. They are resolved to wage this battle until triumph is assured.

The British Labour movement is already playing its part in the national effort for victory.

Unobserved In Reich. LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler did not make a speech on May Day. There were also none of the usual processions and meetings.

Shutters on shops and the fact that no newspapers were about were the only signs of holiday.

German workers continued working all day, but Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Leader tried to cheer them by assuring them that they are the real rulers of Germany under the Nazi regime.

Frenchmen Work On. PARIS, May 1 (Reuter).—In accordance with a decision of the French Trade Unions Council, French workers continued working on May Day.

Hess's New Boost. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, May 1 (UP).—"Our building ships are full of submarines and every effort necessary for waging war is constantly being produced, declared Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess during a May Day speech at the Krupp works at Essen to-day."

French Liner Sails From New York. NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—The French liner, Ile de France, sailed this evening. Her destination is unknown.

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# TSUI WAI-PUI DEFEATED IN FIVE-SET SINGLES FINAL

## SIRDAR RUMJAHN WINS 1940 CHAMPIONSHIP

### Thrilling Climax To A Dismal Start

(By "Tinker")

IN THE LAST MINUTES of the fading light at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, the closing stages of the most thrilling drama of local sport within the past several years was being enacted. S. A. Rumjahn defeated the hitherto unbeatable Tsui Wai-pui in five great sets for the tennis Singles Championship of the Colony.

The scores were 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3. Tsui, it must be admitted, had never had a more unfortunate day on the court. His game was completely off, but this in no way detracted from Rumjahn's performance which was alternately steady and brilliant throughout.

The first three sets were productive of the most dismal tennis of any final ever played in the Tournament. Rumjahn, in these sets, never rose to any great heights, while Tsui was sadly off form. When he struggled to win the first set at 8-6, none was really conscious of the fact that the former champion was not himself.

Tsui Yun-pui in the first semi-final created a sensation by forcing his brother, for the first time, to play defensive tennis—Rumjahn, yesterday, caused even greater surprise when he forced the ex-champion to resort to literal pat-bull tennis.

This was in the final set when Rumjahn was leading 3-1 and 40-love. But his tactics repaid him for Tsui eventually won that game!

Never before was there so much tenacity during a match. Spectators were little short of demonstrative. At 5-2 in the final set, and on his own service, Rumjahn had two set points, but lost the game! Deuce was called three times. At 5-3 he had another three set points and deuce was called three times before Tsui went down!

#### INCIDENTS

THERE is no doubting Tsui's qualities as a fighter. He fought for everything as gamely as his wayward control would allow. He seemed particularly unfortunate in incidents that would have thrown

#### Eight Times In The Final

S. A. Rumjahn has been eight times in the final of the Colony Open Singles Championship, and has won on five occasions. His record is:

- 1921—champion
- 1928—runner-up
- 1932—champion
- 1933—champion
- 1935—champion
- 1937—runner-up
- 1940—champion

any other in his position right out of stride. When he resorted to pat-bull in the final set, a remark from the Club balcony caused him to turn and stare in that direction. Whether Tsui misconstrued that remark or not, but I will say that his tactics were more than justified.

The second incident was when he was 4-2 down and Rumjahn hit a ball down the side-line and out, the linesman failed to see the shot and the point, given to Rumjahn, gave him the advantage, and eventually the game making the score 5-2. It must have been most upsetting.

#### NOTHING BUT PRAISE

To Sirdar Rumjahn, who is getting on in years, and who last won the Singles Championship in 1935,



Tsui Wai-pui, hitherto unbeaten, showed amazingly poor form in the final yesterday. The concentrated look on his face reveals the care he was taking in making his shots.—Ming Yuen.

there can be nothing but praise. He is thirty-six years of age, and this is his 21st year of tournament tennis. His triumph yesterday will go down in local tennis history as one of the finest come-backs there ever was. His stone-wall defence was never more solid. His forehand was never more steady, nor (I am speaking of these later years) was his accuracy ever so much to the fore. In the final set he produced tennis that was astonishing. He out-manoeuvred Tsui time and again. He volleyed and drove cross-court with surprising speed and accuracy, and it speaks itself for Tsui that despite this tennis, Rumjahn was hard-pressed to win.

#### FREEER STYLE

TSUI took the fourth set in a freer style than he had shown previously, and indications were that he was recovering his touch. But on his service, which has been woefully weak this year, he dropped the first game of the final set—a love game! Rumjahn took the second, after deuce had been called once, but Tsui won the third. In every game but the first, the score was at least 40-30. Rumjahn took the fourth game to lead 3-1, and in the fifth game, on Tsui's service, was leading 15-love when Tsui started his pat-bull tactics. They paid in that he won three points in a row to make the score deuce.

In the sixth game he discarded his over-cautious tactics and Rumjahn took it on his own service after several very fine shots down the side-lines.

#### DECISIVE STAGE

THE seventh game featured the line-ball incident, with the game going to Rumjahn. It was now at the decisive stage. The light was falling. If Tsui would win another two games there was little prospect of the match finishing. In the eighth game, Rumjahn led 40-15 on his service, and amid great excitement and much applause Tsui gallantly fought his way to deuce, which was called three times before Tsui won.

The ninth, and final game started. The score crept to 15-all, at which stage Tsui served a doublet. He regained the point with a fine "ace" to make the score 30-all. He won the next point, and led 40-30. One more point and the match would probably have been replayed. It was not to be, however. Sirdar levelled the score with a lucky net-cord. Deuce was called twice, and then Tsui sent the ball far outside, giving Rumjahn the advantage. With another service "ace", however, deuce was reached again. Tsui's next losing shot was a very weak half-volley which went into the net. With Rumjahn having the advantage—Tsui misjudged a volley—the ball struck the frame of his racket and the match was over.

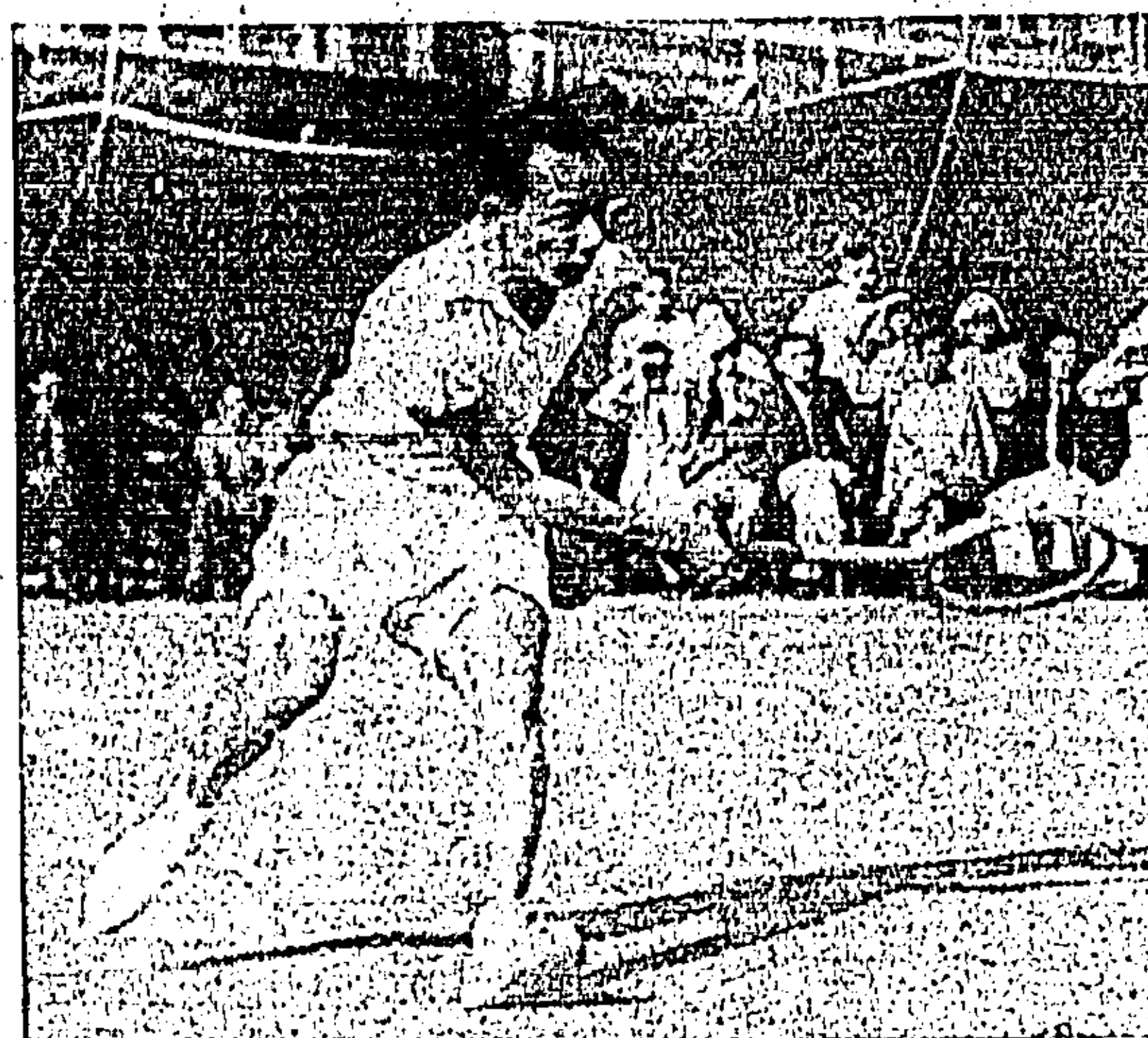
#### Golf

### G. Thomson Wins B.W.O.F. Competition

G. THOMPSON (22) won the second British War Organisation Fund competition at Fanning in March and April, with a score of five up.

Other scores were M. L. Reidy (21) and J. M. Pearson (18) four up; J. Moffat (15) and C. F. Drew-Wilkinson (15) three up; W. J. E. Mackenzie (10) two up and C. M. Stark (10),

### SIRDAR CELEBRATES



In his 21st year of tournament tennis, Sirdar Rumjahn captures the Colony Open Singles title for the fifth time. He is here making a chopped cross-court shot, typical of several that gained him points in beating Tsui Wai-pui in the final yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

### WEATHER INTERFERES WITH BASEBALL

NEW YORK, May 1 (UP).—Though all games were played in the American League to-day, the National League baseball schedule was seriously upset by weather. The results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	5	0
New York	5	9	0
Chicago	4	8	0
Boston	12	13	0
(Kuhel and Kennedy homered for the White Sox. Fox homered for the Red Sox.)			
Cleveland	1	7	2
Philadelphia	5	11	0
Detroit	10	10	4
Washington	7	8	0
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	6	6
Cincinnati	3	8	0
The New York, St. Louis, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia-Pittsburgh games were postponed on account of weather.			

### Djebel Wins War-Time Classic

#### Now Hot Favourite For Derby Substitute

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The French challenger, M. Marcel Boussac's Djebel, won the first war-time racing classic in England—the Two Thousand Guineas—beating the Aga Khan's Stardust by two lengths, with the Maharajah of Kohlapur's Tanti-mieux a head behind.

Djebel, who will now be hot favourite for the Derby substitute, kept well with the leaders, dashed to the front when just below the distance, easily resisted Stardust's challenge a hundred yards from home, and won comfortably.

The mile course was covered in one minute 42.6 secs. The betting was 9/4 on Djebel (favourite), 100/9 on Stardust, and 13/2 on Tanti-mieux.

T. E. Pearce (13) (twice) and L. J. C. Loch (8) one up.

Total entries at \$1 each were 249.

#### Summer Singles Draw

The following is the draw for the Happy Valley first summer singles tournament, the preliminary round of which is to be completed before May 12, the first round before May 19, the second by June 2, the third by June 10, the semi-final by June 30 and the final by July 14:

Preliminary round: G. E. Willerton (12) v. G. W. Sewell (12); W. H. Jowit (11) v. W. V. Ahern (10); Janet Harvey (8) v. H. H. Mundy (10).  
First round: T. B. Low (11) v. A. G. C. Rutledge (10); A. McKelvie (10) v. W. H. Hillyer (10); C. I. Bowker (7) v. J. Linaker (12); F. C. Barry (9) v. A. J. Macrae (10); G. E. Tuck (14) v. R. G. Parker (8); A. H. Penn (12) v. S. H. Chubb (10); Winner of Stewart and May v. Winner of Willerton v. Sewell; winner Jowit and Ahern v. winner of Harvey and Mundy; A. Smith (8) v. W. W. Sheehan (10); Col. Macrae (12) v. D. Humphreys (7); G. H. Carr (10) v. J. Carr (10); J. Greenwood (18) v. W. B. Hiltner (10); J. Macdonald (9) v. G. C. Stark (10); T. Price (9) v. T. Dabbling (12); K. B. Robertson (8) v. M. A. Cairns (12).

#### Basketball

### MANILA TOURISTS BEAT HONGKONG STARS BY LAST MINUTE GOAL

IN A VERY TIGHT GAME at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, the Chung Hwa Girl basketball team managed their fourth victory in the final game of the series played here in aid of Chinese Wounded and Refugees, when they defeated their victors of a previous match, the Hongkong Stars in a last minute goal, 15-13.

The visitors employed the same tactics that won them the game against the Chinese Federation, a five-men defence, but their speed in recovery and their stamina really won them the game.

The Stars, after an attack, seemed slow in taking their positions for defence, and their main fault was in too close marking, thus spoiling what combination they might have struck. The absence of two of their star forwards, Lau Sau-kwong and Ng Shu-ping also contributed to their disorganisation.

Hongkong opened the score through a foul goal by Suen Yui-mul. Chung Hwa equalised and went ahead through foul goals by Victoria Tan and Alice Chen. Both sides battled to the end of the gruelling 16-minute first half at the end of which found the visitors leading one point, 7-6.

#### CONSTANT CHANGES

DIANA CHEN strove throughout the game to rally her team, but to no avail, and the constant changes of the Stars line-up proved to the visitors advantage, who kept the same line-up till the end.

The last quarter was the most exciting period of the game. The scores were tied twice before centre-pivot play with Alice Chen as the pivot, gave her the ball from Victoria Tan to score a difficult shot placing them in the lead.

Bad marksmanship was the order of the day, but this may be attributed to the close marking of either side.

#### CHUNG HWA

	No. of Goals	Foul goals
Alice Chen	3	1
Victoria Tan	1	1
Gary Ong	1	1
Joseph Go	1	1
Sally Wong	1	1
Fts.	1	1

#### HONGKONG STARS

	No. of Goals	Foul goals
Lo Shui Yee	2	1
Chan Chai-chen	1	1
Diana Chan	1	1
Ngan Shu-yung	1	1
Lam Shu-ping	1	1
Suen Yui-ming	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1
Fts.	1	1

#### Exhibition Game

IN A CURTAIN RAISER for the Chung Hwa-Hongkong Stars game, the Sing Tao squad met the Eastern quintet in another exhibition game, and lost 27-28.

Eastern played more consistent basketball, their combination was good, and both their guards played an excellent game. Tall centre Hsu Hang of Eastern was prolific in his scoring and totalled 16 points (6 goals, 4 foul goals). Had he been given more support he might have scored more.

#### FIRST HALF DEFICIT

SING TAO'S diagonal play seemed at variance to the straight run, block-

### Lawn Bowls Teams For Week-end

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. and Indian R.C. in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

#### C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.

1st team (home, 3.30 p.m.)—E. Kirmann, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones.

2nd team v. K.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.)—A. F. Shephard, P. D. Crawley, J. M. Purvis and A. H. Allen.

3rd team v. R.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.)—A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan and A. R. Dallah. A. K. Sufian, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar and A. K. Minu.

4th team v. C.S.C.C. (away, 3.30 p.m.)—A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan and A. R. Dallah. A. K. Sufian, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Bakar and A. K. Minu.

### COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

THE COTTAGE CLUB Cavalcade on Saturday, will start from Sheung Shui cross-roads at 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Club House at 3.30 p.m.

Marking the departure from the Colony of a popular Dutch rider, "The Flying Dutchman Cup" will be competed for in a paper-hunt to be held in the late afternoon of Saturday, May 11. Details will be announced in the press of next week.



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And usually the girls accept the advice. The restraining hand and voice belong to one of a squad of twenty Darlington women, mostly wives and mothers who nightly patrol the less-frequented streets and back lanes of the town trying to keep orderliness. The police co-operate.

### To Protect Girls

Wearing white armlets, on which are the initials D.M.W. (Durham Moral Welfare), they patrol in pairs from about 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Miss M. E. Spooner, superintendent of St. Agnes Home, Darlington, who is leader of the patrol, says: "The object is to try to help and protect any girls who may be in difficulties. We do not interfere with anyone so long as they are not misbehaving."

When so many strange men are about there is a danger of young girls losing their heads. The patrols are chiefly older and married women. Some have daughters of their own.

The patrols are enthusiasts in the work and have done remarkably well. —Sent by M. J. D. Darlington.

## LATE NEWS

### Thrilling Story Of Air Duels

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter).—Details of Tuesday night's raid on Stavanger Aerodrome were given last night by one of the British pilots. The pilot described how he saw a British plane hit the runway of the aerodrome with a bomb.

Another plane scored a hit with a salvo of heavy bombs near the intersection of the runway.

The first two British planes then went off towards the sea, heavily attacked by six Messerschmitts.

The pilot continued: "We ourselves were about two miles from the coast when two Messerschmitts closed in on our plane."

"My rear gunner concentrated his fire on the starboard fighter, firing four bursts at it. It then turned away and burst into flames, falling into the sea."

"The other fighter broke off the attack and returned to the coast."

"Shortly afterwards another Messerschmitt came up and we had a running fight for fully half an hour."

"We were almost skimming the sea and countered each of his attacks. Although he let off a lot of fire there was not one mark on our plane when we got back."

"My front gunner got in a couple of direct hits and after the second there was a small explosion in the Messerschmitt's rear gun position and we could see pieces falling from the aircraft. He then broke away, but as he was still under control he cannot be counted for certain a victim."

"The bomb-aimer of another aircraft said he saw the outline of the hangar at Stavanger, and he is pretty certain that at least two bombs went through the roof, exploding inside."

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China have made a grant of \$4,000 to the Foreign Auxiliary of the National Red Cross Society of China, towards the maintenance of ten foreign doctors for period May-December, 1940, previously sponsored by the Norwegian Relief Committee.

These doctors are doing excellent work on all fronts in South China.

## THAT TIENSIN SILVER

### Another Question In House Of Common

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Noel Baker asked the Prime Minister whether he could assure the House that the Government would agree to no new arrangement concerning the silver deposits in the banks of the International Concession in Tientsin without the consent of the recognised government of China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that he presumed that Mr. Noel

## Norway Defaults On Loan

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 1 (UP).—Norway has technically defaulted on payment of the May 1 coupon of the 3 per cent. Norwegian Loan.

Chief feature of to-day's market was the heavy selling of 7 per cent. Brazilian Bonds, some of which lost as much as £2 10s.

Baker referred to the silver deposited in a Chinese bank in the British Concession in Tientsin. The Government had consulted the Chinese Government at all material stages of the negotiations on this subject and were continuing to do so.

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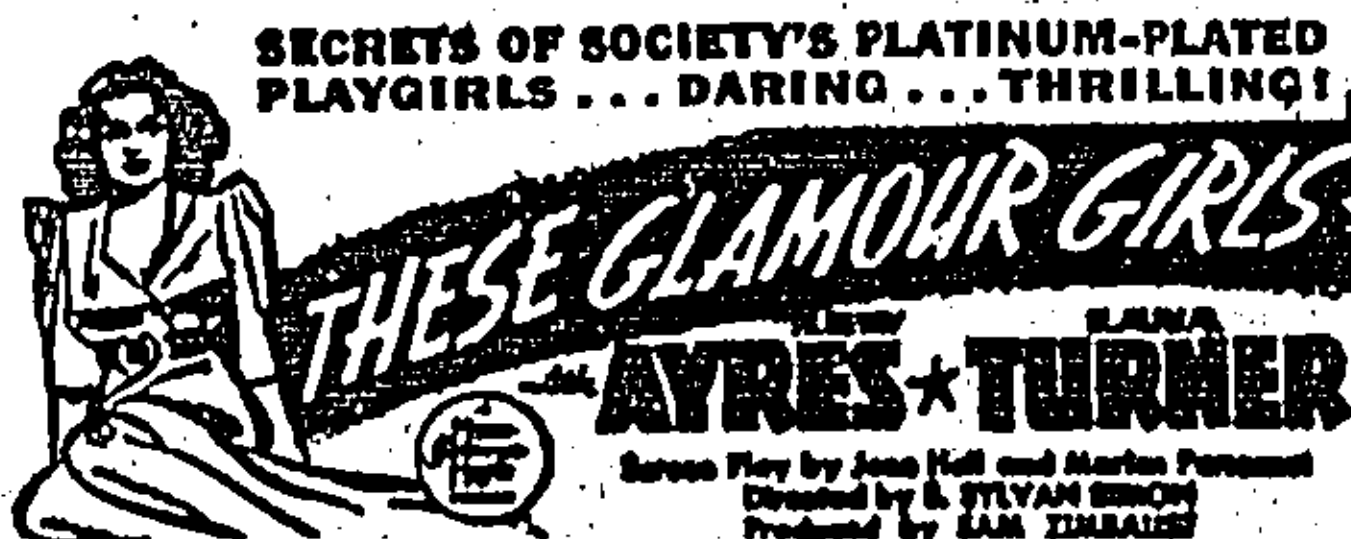
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